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IMPORTANT REVELATIONS

FROM THE SPIRITS OF

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG,

THE SWEDISH SPIRITUALIST;

AND

JOSEPH SMITH,

THE MORMON PROPHET;

SHEWING THE SACRED AND HOLY DOCTRINES, AS SET FORTH
BY SWEDENBORG,

WHOSE ERRORS ARE PROVED UNIMPORTANT;
THE DOCTRINES OF JOSEPH SMITH BEING PROVED
HYPOCRITICAL AND DELUSIVE,
RESULTING THROUGH WORLDLY AMBITION;

AS DECLARED IN REVELATIONS FROM THE SPIRITS OF BOTH MEN, WHICH
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As this work completes my labours in the propagation of the Divine things which the highest and holiest angels have commanded me to spread abroad to the inhabitants of the earth, declaring that it is the will of the Most High God, that mankind should be forewarned of the events which shall fall upon the earth, and the things which await them in the world in immortality, I must here beg of my readers to calmly study over all the miraculous events which are detailed in this and the preceding works, so that they may endeavour to follow out the principles therein taught, and thus promote their happiness in this world, and decrease their sufferings in the world to come, and so speedily after death pass through all the spheres and enter the eternal Realms of Glory, where they will henceforth dwell amidst the glory of their merciful God, and sing His praises for ever and for ever.

And, as a further address, in assuring my readers that all my endeavours have hitherto been, and shall still be, in the devoting of the blessing with which I am gifted, to the welfare and interest of all God's creatures. That I am further

commanded to publish to the world, that, all questions which may be of importance or interest to the well-being of mankind in general, I am open to give spiritual answers; so that delusions of any kind may no longer mystify the ignorant and helpless people, who, for ages have slumbered beneath oppression and superstitious ignorance. And, with other matters, I am commanded to declare, that all persons who are suffering from any external or internal disease, if curable, can obtain relief and cure for the same, by application to me, numbers of persons having already been cured, some of whose names are now in print, and may be seen on the wrappers of the "Spiritual Message." With these words I bid adieu to my readers, trusting that all who read may receive instruction and everlasting benefit thereby.

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REVELATIONS FROM THE SPIRITS OF
EMANUEL SWEDENBORG,
AND OF
JOSEPH SMITH;

SHEWING THE MIXTURE OF TRUTH AND FICTION SET
FORTH IN THE DOCTRINES TAUGHT BY
THEM WHILST ON EARTH.

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The time had not arrived when all should know,
When I was taken to my spirit home ;
But still, I was commanded men to show
The time was near when Christ on earth should come.

SPIRITUAL.

THE object of this work is to place before a discerning public an important subject, upon which the future happiness of thousands of my fellow creatures, of both sexes, rests ; and, in compliance with the commands I have received from the highest celestial powers, I now proceed to lay before the reader the circumstances and objects for which this pamphlet is sent forth. For, as before observed, there are thousands of persons who have, up to a late period of their existence,

been taught and trained in the doctrines of christianity, which now exist under the present dispensation of the protestant and dissenting churches. Until, finding the many absurdities as set forth in the doctrines taught them, they begin to learn that whatever their endeavours may be in adhering to them, there is but a faint hope of salvation as the result of their labours, and thus after years of study and painful anxiety, and intentions to do good, and desirous to be right, they find their hopes blighted, and relax in their perseverance, and run to and fro, seeking consolation and comfort for their minds but in vain, and ultimately, through the misguidance of their spiritual teachers, become atheists, infidels, or materialists; believing in nothing but what they can see or touch. This is the case at least with nine-tenths of the population, no matter what their outward professions may have been. It will be seen in the pages of this work, and likewise in the "Message" that our great and merciful God has seen this wickedness, on the part of the instructors of the people, in all ages, and to enlighten the people, has sent prophets amongst them, who were gifted with the power of making manifest His Divine will, and the doctrines the said prophets taught in the remotest ages are made the foundation upon which the people are taught to build their faith, as their only guide to salvation. Notwithstanding that it is almost universally acknowledged that the ancient prophets' writings have been grossly corrupted, to suit the convenience of those in power, yet the people, though they look upon them with doubt and mistrust, externally hold them in superstitious fear and reverence. For, from them they are taught to look upon their rulers with fear and respect, and for any act of disobedience which their laws, with scripture for their foundation, impose upon them, they shall suffer eternal damnation, by being tortured with fire and brimstone for ever and ever. Thus the people have been kept in superstitious ignorance by this fear, until many ages after the establishment of their acknowledged church. When Almighty God, having seen their sufferings and heard their cries for help and succour, thought fit to send other

prophets amongst His people to teach them the Divine truths which the ambitious rulers of the world had blotted out from the writings of His ancient prophets. So that, notwithstanding the attempts to stifle or put down the assertions which God hath made respecting the manifestation of His will to the people in all ages, yet prophets really and truly did re-appear, and whose writings, to this day, bear testimony of the fact. For instead of the doctrines taught in them being selfish, one-sided, and tyrannical, they breathe forth a truthful and holy doctrine of charity, justice, and brotherly love. Amongst the several prophets of the modern ages, whose writings are now revered by thousands in the different nations of Europe and America, and whose writings have for their foundation charity, unity, freedom, and love, is the Swedish prophet, Emanuel Swedberg, or Swedenborg, whose writings are largely distributed over the face of Europe, attracting many followers on account of the charitable doctrines therein taught, and I, having received commands from the Highest Power, to make enquiries respecting his works, from his own spirit, for the guidance and instruction of those who endeavour to carry out his principles, was instructed to declare to the world that Swedenborg was a good man, but that his works contained errors in connexion with the state of a spiritual existence, and the spheres of immortality, although such errors were not wilful, his works being written partly from truthful experience, and partly from imagination. Still, the principal doctrines taught as a guide to man, in mortal existence, are in accordance with the Divine will of God, whose truthful servant he was; and, although there are errors in his descriptions of the spiritual spheres, nevertheless, he fulfilled the mission for which he was ordained, by proving to the world the reality of an hereafter existence, and paving the way for a further development of God's glory, which, at that time, was all that was necessary, the time not having then arrived when the great events, which are now near at hand, were necessary to be revealed. Therefore, that the people may no longer be deluded by the erroneous statements com-

pounded by the fertile imagination, as to the state of man after death, and the flight of their spirits from life to immortality, I have been commanded to insert the revelations which the spirit of the said Emanuel Swedenborg will give, respecting the statements given in his works, by permission and command of the Highest Power. First describing in his own words, his experience in the pangs of death, the flight of the spirit, its entrance and occupation in the first sphere after death, and progress to that place which his spirit now inhabits, with celestial revelations confirming whatever statements he may make. Having now shown the real object for which this work is intended, I will here introduce the spirit of Emanuel Swedenborg, as he appeared when called. I, therefore, at a meeting of friends, some of whom had been great readers of his works, and diligent seekers after truth, and they having had much practice, and seen much imposition in the working or pretensions made through the Crystal, by persons whose whole study was fraud and deception for the sake of gain, was requested by the said persons, whose names can be given, if required, that they might be present when the spirit of Swedenborg was called; and, being utterly ignorant of the doctrines which he taught, having never seen or heard his works read, although I knew that there were thousands of persons who endeavoured to follow out his doctrines, I deemed it necessary that persons who were well versed in his writings should be present, more particularly as my instructions from the celestial powers, were to compile this work to shew forth the truths and errors which are set forth in his doctrines, by revelations from the spirit of the said Swedenborg himself, who would be commanded to give truthful declarations respecting the same. I accordingly, in the presence of the aforesaid persons, used the necessary invocations for the summoning of aerial spirits, and, in due time, the vision manifested itself unto me, as follows:—

After the intense darkness, which usually precedes the vision, had cleared off, I perceived the figure of a man dressed in a long loose grey garment, which entirely en-

veloped his person, from the head downwards; something below the middle height, but apparently broad set, so far as outlines could be observed. His head was uncovered, with long silvery hair about his neck, hanging from his temples and back part of his head; his forehead high and expansive; his countenance frank and open, and, though cheerful looking, was of dark hue; which, together with the stoop in his gait, bore evident marks of old age. As he stood, apparently within a few yards, I had an opportunity of viewing every delineation of his features, and was astonished at the expressive appearance upon them, as if anxious to communicate. From beneath his garment he held forth a scroll of considerable magnitude, in the same way as other spirits have communicated with me, and upon which, when opened, the following important but extraordinary revelation was revealed:—

Revelation.—"I am the spirit of Emanuel Swedberg, known whilst on earth, as Swedenborg, and who departed this life, after a career of anxieties, difficulties, and disappointments, in my labours for the promotion of the comfort and happiness of man, on the *19th day of March, 1772*. And, as writings concerning me have been left upon the earth, describing the manner of my life, the period and circumstances connected with my death, I have now received commands from the highest powers to declare to the world what my experience has been during the period of my sojourn in the spheres of immortality. And, as there are thousands of persons who build their faith and hope of salvation upon the doctrines which I have left, I have been commanded to declare to the world that they were written partly from experience and partly from imagination; ambition superseding my good intentions, and thereby causing me to insert unwarrantable things to gain me a worldly name, such things will be hereafter explained. Therefore, I must now describe the sensations of my last moments, with my entrance to the first immortal sphere. Knowing that the period of my death had come, I requested my friends in life to approach me. Whilst I exhorted them to refrain from their follies and vices, they disregarded me, and ridiculed many of my assertions, and with this distress of feeling, my mind grew heavy and sad with anxiety, my blood chilled in my veins, my

limbs became paralyzed, and muscular power had left them. After which, I lay motionless, though conscious of what was about to occur. At this juncture I felt a chilling sensation run through my whole frame, convulsive struggles shook me violently; and, at the same time, my breast heaved with violent emotion, a giddy sensation filled my brain; my limbs contracted, as with cramp; an exploding sensation occurred within my breast; my vision left me, and with the most indescribable horror, all was momentarily still. The thought then passed over me that life was extinct; and, though I heard the assertions of my friends, yet I appeared to smile, and was cognisant of all that passed. My eyes appeared to see in every direction; I saw my friends bending over me with sorrowful countenances, and I endeavoured to assure them that pain had ceased, and that I felt happy, but the effort was in vain. At this moment darkness again veiled my vision, and a noise, as if the howling of tempests was raging above me, seemed to shake the apartments in which I remained, when my eyes again opened, and I stood gazing upon the lifeless heap of clay, which I knew was my own body. Dreadful thoughts crossed my mind as each successive moment fled. When turning from the spectacle, I was seized roughly by an unseen hand; the apartment gave way and opened before me; and immediately I found myself whirling through the air with the quickness of thought, the world below displaying itself fully to my view. At length I found myself enveloped in the most horrible darkness, the intensity of which was loathsome and bewildering, and beyond which, the most horrible sounds of groans, yells, and shrieks, mingled together, of the most distressing nature, met my ears. Again my position recalled to my memory the awfulness of what must shortly transpire, as the thoughts of hell and the torments I had repudiated flashed across my mind, at hearing these discordant sounds I believed its reality certain. How long I continued in this distressing condition and loathsome darkness I am unable to describe. But I again found myself passing from thence through the air to the abode I had left, where, in the apartment, my body still remained, the last offices having been performed upon it. I gazed upon it with wonder and astonishment, and knew it was my own, and yet that I was a separate being. As I gazed I endeavoured to raise its limbs, knowing that with my will they had been accustomed to obey its dictates; but the effort proved useless; and as the thoughts of my past life and present position flashed across my

mind, I wondered with horror at what experience would next reveal. Friends near and dear to me now entered. I met their entrance with a smile, stretched out my hand, but they disregarded me, and passed me unnoticed and unheeded; and I wept with the bitterest anguish at knowing myself to be in the spirit in that place invisible to all but myself. As I stood weeping and gazing on the lifeless form, a gentle touch upon the shoulder called my attention; and as I turned I was confronted by a dear female relative, whom I knew had departed nine years previously. She, with a smile, led me from the apartment, told me of her experience since leaving the world, and the dread with which she anticipated a future state. After endeavouring to console me, I was once more left alone to bitter reflection, and I remained near the apartments till the interment of my body; witnessed and regretted the useless ceremonies displayed upon the occasion; after which I visited at will the different scenes in distant lands; met with several who had departed before me, and experienced severe anguish from the thoughts of those who were still living, whom I had injured in many ways whilst living. In this manner months had elapsed; and I, passing to and fro without rest, until my burden became wearisome, from which, however, I could not release myself. After visiting the residences of many friends, in different lands, I again, in a manner unable to be described, found myself in the loathsome darkness where the horrors, and torments, and discordant sounds which I heard emanate, from the place which I supposed must be that hell, as taught in worldly life, and which again reminded me of the awfulness of my condition. Being dragged through the darkness, I found myself in a glaring lighted space, which was filled with myriads of beings, whose whole occupation appeared to consist in inflicting torments on each other. As they passed to and fro, yelling, screaming, and groaning, in opposite directions, in the greatest confusion, each one experiencing torments and reproaches from those whom they injured whilst living, all giving torments and all receiving, without any being alleviated by retaliation; so that the horrors here experienced cannot be adequately described. My time however, was here comparatively short, as wilful injury had always been a terror to me from my boyhood. Still I too experienced sufferings from others, while I inflicted tortures, taunts, and reproaches on those who had injured me, under the direction of spirits whose countenances impress all with horror and amazement. I

next passed to the sphere where I now inhabit, which is the first class, in the eighth circle of the atmospheric regions, under the solar orb of Mercury, or fourth heaven ; and where all enjoy happiness, impossible to be explained, in consequence of its imperfection ; and where the time is spent in singing praises, and instructing the young ; and where all know of what is passing in the material world, and the spheres below ; and where all know of a future state, and dread the anticipation of its experience ; and from which, both in this and the spheres below, we are permitted to visit the scenes of life, and impart warnings, by visions, to friends, though our visits add to our own mental torture. Here we remain double the period of our natural and material lives, though no one can speak of the future, or beyond the sphere which they inhabit. Having now reached this abode, I am commanded to declare to the world, that the past and present generations of men have been deluded by their rulers and teachers, whose ambition has taught them to keep the people in ignorance, and that, by threats of everlasting fire, immediately after death, for the disobedience of their laws,---the people, to evade this horrible end, have hitherto been obedient to their will. But the time is now come when these shackles shall be broken, and mankind shall know of that which awaits them, both in this world and in that which is to come. Having now given the experience of my death, and progress in the spiritual spheres through which I have passed, I am commanded to instruct you, that I may be called upon to give confirmation or contradiction to the truths or errors contained in the paragraphs gone forth in my works, which I have left upon the earth, and which worldly men have altered. As my first mission is complete, I must now leave you. Farewell for the present."

This singular and important revelation must, of itself, prove of the greatest interest to the numerous followers of this extraordinary man, and to mankind in general. For it is evident from the progress his spirit has made in the first sphere of immortality, or atmospheric regions, that he was, whilst on earth, a good living man ; but, like all others, he, when gifted with great power, became ambitious ; and, for the sake of aggrandisement, and a worldly name in posterity, outstepped the limits of his knowledge, and, with the assistance of his fertile imagination, coupled with his wonderful

experience in spiritual matters, inserted unwarrantable things, as transpiring in the spiritual world, which he himself cannot now substantiate, but declares some of them to be errors or delusions. His declarations on the experience of the last pangs of death, with the flight of the spirit, to immortality, and progress through the spheres of punishment, and occupation in his present abode, are singular confirmations of the assertions of numerous other spirits of remarkable men, which are contained in the "Spiritual Message;" and where also a full explanation of the nature of the spirits who rule and govern the atmospheric regions, with the manner of being torn away by an unseen hand, as described by him, is given, with a full description externally and internally of the atmospheric regions. As this work is intended only to contain corrections and explanations of the doctrines taught by the men, mentioned at its head, by their own spirits, I must refer the reader to the "Spiritual Message, &c.," for further explanation of the spheres and orders of the heavens, merely remarking that the assertions contained in the above revelation, given by the spirit of Swedenborg himself, by directions and commands of the highest powers, are sufficient in themselves to impress the minds of all with awe and reverence. For he declares that the people have hitherto been deluded by the ambition of their rulers and teachers, who have kept them in superstitious ignorance under the threats of eternal punishment, for the disobedience of their laws. Thus the people, to evade these horrors, have believed and obeyed their teachings. But he also asserts that the time is at hand when these shackles shall be broken, and mankind shall be instructed in the fear and love of God, and understand and appreciate the things which await them in this world, and in that which is to come. In compliance with his assertions, that he may be called upon to explain the truths or errors of the doctrines he has left upon the earth, I shall now proceed to make the necessary enquiries of his spirit, and insert the answers as they appear. I accordingly, in the usual way, again called upon the spirit of Emanuel Swedenborg, and, without dis-

missing him, asked the following series of questions, to which he appeared, and displayed answers to each as hereunder given.

QUESTION 1.—By what means, or through what medium, did you hold communication with angels, or spirits, whilst living upon the earth ?

The following revelation appeared as an answer. :—

Revelation 1st.—I was first gifted with a spiritual vision at an early age; and, as I grew in grace and strength in the fear of the Lord, I was permitted to commune with spirits and angels, of different grades and orders, personally, and held verbal conversation with them, in which I was instructed, at different times and in divers places, in the knowledge of many things, concerning which I wrote, but such spirits I have since proved were of inferior order to that which they represented themselves, and which I supposed them to be. I received instructions for the use of mediums, both for the crystal and mirror, though I myself had not the necessity for their use. In my youth I felt ambitious at making known the wonders which I had revealed unto me; but was checked for my ambition, and was seized with illness, in which I was frequently visited by spirits of different grades, some of whom shewed me the necessity of laying aside my ambition, while others, who appeared to be of a higher order, shewed to me the advantage I might derive by showing forth the communications I received, and enlarging upon them. Thus it was that I first set about my task of writing my experience. And there are many matters treated upon, in the course of my works, which I am now commanded, by a power of which I was utterly ignorant, whilst on earth, to declare unto you, that you shall make such enquiries of me respecting their truths. And I am therefore commanded to give such answers, in truths, as may be necessary for the future guide and instruction of the human race. Therefore declare to the world that these are the instructions I have received, by commands of the highest power of my order.

This important revelation suggested to one of the parties present, the following enquiry :—

QUESTION 2.—Is your experience in the progress through the spiritual spheres, and the occupation of the spirits therein, in accordance with the doctrines and assertions you have left upon earth concerning them ?

To this question he displayed another scroll, upon which was written as follows:—

REVELATION 2.—I am commanded to declare that my mission, whilst upon the earth, was completed, and that the time had not yet come when mankind should be made fully aware of all which awaited them, on leaving mortal life for immortality. But, that I was decreed by Him, who ruleth all things, to enlighten the knowledge and understanding of the then rising generation, that they might be prepared for the great change which was then fast approaching. So that by establishing the great truths of a spiritual existence, by demonstrative facts, which none can conscientiously deny, the progress of time and the knowledge which man might attain, might open the way for the diffusion of that knowledge which God hath ordained should be spread amongst his people. Therefore, I am now commanded to declare that my experience, whilst on earth, was great, but that I had no revelation or spiritual instruction or understanding, of the order of the spheres and abodes, or the occupation of the spirits in any portion of the spiritual world; except that spirits declared unto me, that there were three specific compartments,—misery, comparative rest, and glory, from which my own imagination drew the inference from the three spheres, concerning which, with many other things I have written, and which I have now learned by experience, to be erroneous and delusive, as all men will eventually prove.

This important revelation gave rise to the following enquiry. One of the parties present, a legal gentleman of high standing and respectability, having read the works of Judge Edmonds, on Spiritualism, and the revelations therein, with much interest, purporting to have come from the spirit of Emanuel Swedenborg, which induced the said gentleman to ask the following questions* :—

* This person had been previously informed by his Celestial Guardian—respecting the Judge's work upon Spiritualism, as follows:—"This work is compiled by assertions received from spirits who occupy the atmospheric regions of the earth; but which carries with it a thorough conviction of the existence of spiritual agency,—but which, to an extent easily to be perceived, must not be relied upon as a guide to happiness, although the Book has been written with the purest intention."

QUESTION 3.—Are the doctrines set forth by Judge Edmonds and Dr. Dexter, in their work entitled “Spiritualism,” as purported to be from the spirit of Emanuel Swedenborg, really your assertions; if so, are they correct?

To this question the spirit exhibited another scroll, upon which the undergoing revelation was displayed:—

REVELATION 3.—I was commanded to appear to this person for that special purpose, and my assertions are therein given, with additional remarks by the author, which, in many instances have destroyed their pure meaning; by which means the mediumship was withheld. And, notwithstanding the many assertions which others may have made respecting communications from me, I have never, since that time, been permitted to reveal anything from the spiritual spheres, to mortal man, until I received commands to appear here on the 3rd of August, 1856. These are commands from a power which I have never seen, but have heard with awe and amazement.

This plain and positive answer suggested another question to the same enquirer; and he again asked thus:—

QUESTION 4.—Are they the assertions of other spirits; or are they imaginary?

To this enquiry the following answer appeared on the scroll:—

REVELATION 4.—Other spirits were called when I was commanded to appear, even as on this occasion; but numerous spirits from the spheres I inhabit, gave declarations to this person, some of which proving contradictory, all assertions were deemed comparatively valueless. Those arranged for publication, from want of knowledge of the different spheres whereby they might have distinguished the various kinds of spirits from each other, it was in this case, as during my own existence, that the imagination filled up that which experience had not power to comprehend. This I am also commanded to declare.

The above revelation proving satisfactory to the person who enquired, upon a further consultation amongst the

parties present, another question was propounded, which is as follows :---

QUESTION 5.---Are the principles set forth in the work entitled the "New Jerusalem" correctly written from experience; or, were they written from experience and imagination combined?

To this enquiry the spirit of Swedenborg again unfolded his scroll, upon which appeared the following beautiful revelation :---

REVELATION.---"Visions of the coming change were frequently portrayed unto me, by spirits of high aerial orders, and which, with reading the writings of the ancient prophets, convinced me that the time of the end was near; when the "New Jerusalem," as therein taught, should be established. With the assistance of these writings, together with my own experience, and the assistance of spiritual inspiration, this work was written. And, though my imagination, through a desire to warn mankind from their evils, led me into error, yet I am commanded to declare that the time is near at hand when all mankind will experience the truthfulness of the general principles therein taught. For, although errors are certainly therein contained, they were inserted with a pure intention of guiding all to rest in this mortal world, and happiness in the world to come."

The above important answer suggested the following question, which was accordingly asked :---

QUESTION 6.---"Are the principles and doctrines, as set forth by you whilst on earth, in the work entitled "Arcana Cœlestia," in accordance with your experience while passing through the spiritual spheres to the place you now inhabit?"

Here the spirit of Swedenborg again unrolled his scroll, upon which was written the following important revelation :---

REVELATION 6.---"Again I am commanded to declare that all men, like myself, must prove the delusions which are therein contained; for this work was written with ambitious feelings, mingled with a desire to deter men from their evil ways, and to involve them in mysterious wonder. My experience, however, being great in spiritual communications, from which my mind soared high into imaginary worlds or heavens, gleaning from the

ancient scriptural writings that the good, pure, and just portion of the human race reached eternal rest, while the vile and wicked were cast into perdition. I represented the one as the most horrible and gloomy, with pangs of torment, without warrantable instructions; while the heavens were gilded with the widest contrast, as to their brightness and glory, but my experience, on leaving the world, shewed unto me the errors I thus committed; and bitter regret has been caused to me by the taunts and reproaches of those whom I deluded, both in the material world and the spheres of immortality. Still I am commanded to declare to the world that the spiritual revelations, as therein contained, are just and truthful; but the augmentations given thereto, and which are now demonstrated, have injured and altered the object for which they were intended, and was permitted on account of the period not being yet, when the development of their mysteries should be thoroughly disclosed. This work is in accordance with all I have written; but modern translators have added and diminished, for the sake of illustration, without injury thereto, only on such matters as upon which the happiness of man in a future state has no concern."

From the nature of the above singular and important declarations, another of the persons present, having read one of the works written by Swedenborg, entitled "Heaven and Hell," suggested the following question:--

QUESTION 7.--"What is the result of your experience in the spiritual world, as contrasted with the principles, doctrines, and occupations of the spirits after death, as set forth in your work entitled "Heaven and Hell?"

To this enquiry the spirit of Swedenborg displayed upon the scroll which he bore, the following striking revelation as an answer:

REVELATION 7.--"As an answer to this question, for the guidance and instruction of man, I am commanded to refer you, and all persons, to the assertions I have been commanded to make upon my experience in passing from life to immortality; wherein I have declared, by the authority of the highest powers over me, a truthful description of my experience and progress, which differs from the description I gave, whilst living, in the work mentioned. And I am again commanded to declare that there is no spirit,

who inhabits any sphere or portion of the first sphere, who has power to reveal anything beyond his present abode; though spirits from each sphere are permitted to visit the earth and commune with man, who, being ignorant of their different abodes, learn and receive different communications and instructions, which, though both are truthful, are contradictory. Thus the ignorance of man has hitherto repudiated their assertions. But I am commanded to declare that, being from different abodes, their experience is different. Hence my assertions concerning the three spheres,—Hell, Happiness, and Glory; but which I now experience that the first emanation after death is apparent peace, for a short time. After which the spheres of punishment are entered, but not eternally, for from this sphere we know of another state; and though we grow in happiness and rest, yet we dread the experience of the future, as all spirits in this sphere declare. And now, therefore, I am commanded to declare to the world that an eternal state is not experienced in the spheres of punishment, as myriads daily leave into realms unknown, and which the spirits or angels over us have no power to communicate. I have no power to speak further on the present subject."

The above lengthy but solemn and important revelation gave rise to another important question, respecting Swedenborg's work on "The Last Judgment," and the following question was propounded:

QUESTION 8.—"Are the assertions given in your work, entitled "The Last Judgment," and "The Destruction of Babylon," correct; or are they in accordance with what you have learned and experienced in immortality?"

In answer to this question the following important communication was revealed:

REVELATION 8.—"I received these instructions by revelations from spirits who inhabited the sphere in which I now remain, and who appeared by my invocations, and whose assertions in no wise can be relied upon, or regarded as truth, except when missioned to the earth by the highest powers, whose commands are truthfully executed. And I am commanded to declare to the world that, though spirits from this sphere are permitted to visit the earth and give delusive communications to man, yet their mission proves to the world their existence. And, where men are gathered to

receive spiritual communications they will be visited by spirits whose nature is in accordance with their own, which is the case where aërial spirits appear voluntarily, or by invocation. But if commanded for the express purpose of instructing the present generations of men, their assertions are truthful. Therefore, I have now declared all that I have been commanded and must now leave you with my lasting warning to all men, that they may fear God, be charitable and affectionate to each other, and endeavour to dwell in harmony and love, that the coming change may not come upon them unlooked for; so that they may be numbered amongst those who shall receive instructions from the land of Zion. Farewell! but I shall be permitted to answer further questions, if necessary, for the instruction of man."

This revelation concluded our second sitting on the 14th September, 1856, and at our next meeting, after a consultation, it was agreed upon to ask a series of questions relative to the doctrines and descriptions as taught, or set forth, in the work entitled "Heaven and Hell," as written by Emanuel Swedenborg, whilst living upon the earth. Upon a re-invocation for his spirit to appear, we prayed that, if it were in accordance with Divine will, he might be permitted to appear and give plain and positive answers to such questions as we might put unto him, for the guidance and welfare of the present generations of men. Accordingly, the following question was asked, in the presence of several persons, some of whom were present on the former occasion :

QUESTION 9.—"Are the doctrines and descriptions set forth and described in the 7th chapter, from the 41st to the 50th sections, correct; or, are they in accordance with your experience since leaving mortal life for immortality?"

REVELATION 9.—"I am commanded to declare, for the instruction of man, that the angels of Heaven are formed into numerous societies, and dwell in different compartments of the Heavens, similar to the manner described in the work alluded to, which I described according to the directions I had received, adding portions thereto, by the assistance of imagination, which I inserted to make the matter appear more plain. I have given three distinct spheres, not knowing the existence of a fourth; or by

what manner the compartments were divided. And, though celestial angels appeared to me at times, they had not power at that period to reveal their abode unto me. But, I am now commanded to declare that the world may rely on the celestial assertions which the great angel Gabriel has commanded the spirits to make, who described the progress in immortal existence, and the spheres of Heaven, and that I have received my commands through a direct line from him, and that my assertions, as contained in the book named, were given with a just and pure motive, that mankind might be prepared for the knowledge which is now commanded to be diffused amongst them. Therefore, though the descriptions therein given contain errors, their principles and doctrines are just and true. But having no means of distinguishing the celestial spirits from the ærial angels, errors have been inserted, and yet even these errors do not alter or vary materially from the assertions already gone forth in the "Spiritual Message."

From the importance of the above revelation another passage from the same work was selected, and upon which the following question was propounded:

QUESTION 10.—"Are the doctrines, as set forth in the 40th chapter, relative to the rich and poor in heaven, in accordance with your experience in the spiritual world; or are they inserted as revealed unto you by spiritual communications whilst on earth?"

REVELATION 10.—"In answer to this question I am commanded to refer all, who desire understanding on this subject, to the words of the angel Gabriel, in the "Warning Message," which declare, "That he who accumulates wealth in this world, accumulath misery for himself in the world to come; for no man can attain riches and be honest to his neighbour." Still, my assertions respecting the admission of rich and poor into heaven, and their being rewarded according to their deeds, are just and true; but experience has proved to me that worldly positions on earth meet no distinction in immortality. For the poor, if vile, or sinful, meet with the punishment as specified according to the classified sin; while the rich meet with a reward in the same proportion, and where, on reaching the regions of space, as others have described, all are equal; God being just and merciful, purifies all before receiving them into His eternal realms of bliss."

This revelation being plain and positive, we turned to the 42nd chapter of the same work, and asked as follows :

QUESTION 11.—“ Do the employments of the angels in heaven, as described in the 42nd chapter of the above work, written by you, whilst living, correspond with your experience in the sphere of immortality which you now inhabit ?”

REVELATION 11.—“ Again I am commanded to declare that these assertions allude only to the spirits or angels below the angelic spheres, as described in the “ Message,” where all participate in worldly enjoyments, after passing the punishment spheres, and the angels which I described, I am commanded to declare, are those of the Heavenly host under the great spirits or angels, Orion and Corbynn, who, being in the aërial spheres, participate in the affairs of the material and spiritual world, and their enjoyments are in accordance with human nature, which the spirits of humanity retain while passing through the spheres of immortality, where their employments and worldly pastimes are as therein described. But I have not power or knowledge to describe anything connected with the angelic spheres, and therefore I am commanded to declare, that the necessary instruction to man on this subject has now gone forth, and my assertions, which can be found as errors, are corrected or contradicted, as the higher powers have received instructions to explain.”

We next turned to the 62nd chapter, in which the description of the Hells is contained, and made the following enquiry :

QUESTION 12.—“ Is the description of the Hells and their locality, as given in your work, in the above-named chapter, in accordance with your experience ; or were they really revealed unto you by the spirits, as you there describe ?”

REVELATION 12.—“ I am commanded to declare that the spheres of punishment are not called “ Hells,” even by the spirits who inhabit them, nor had I power to give at that period more than an outline of their appearance. Still I am commanded to declare that the three spaces named in this work are truthfully defined, though, at that time, wrongly understood by me. Therefore, the higher powers now command me to declare that the true definition or explanation of these spheres, other spirits have

declared by command, as the time had not then arrived for men to know any exact definition of experience in immortality. Therefore, my assertions respecting the spheres, spiritual existence, angels' conference with men, infants in heaven, and all other circumstances treated upon, are truths in principle; but, for want of proper knowledge, desire on my part to instruct my fellow-man in the fear of God, and charity to his neighbour, caused me to insert things concerning which I had no thorough knowledge. But I am commanded to declare that the time has now come when those, mysteries shall be thoroughly explained, that mankind may know to what end they shall live, and what awaits them in immortality, that they may refrain from injuring each other by thought, word, or deed. While I am commanded by a power, at whose presence my spirit trembles, to declare that all the works left by me were written with a pure intention, to benefit the condition of man in this mortal life, that his condition might be better in immortality; nor are there any errors contained therein, which can mar the happiness or progress of man after death. But, if the doctrines therein taught are adhered to, charity, love, and friendship will exist in the minds of men towards each other, and which, by strictly following those sacred duties, the love of God will be sought and bestowed, and all men will be happy, and blessed with the comforts necessary for mortal life, and decrease the misery which must otherwise be experienced, while passing through the sphere to the place where I now inhabit. For, although I feared God, whilst living, and devoted my life morally and virtuously in seeking Divine truths, yet, on passing the first boundary of darkness, as already described, I suffered for my worldly ambition, but have now reached that place where my sufferings are ended, as declared in my experience. And, as all further information is unnecessary for the guidance and instruction of man, I am commanded to declare, that the time is at hand when all men will experience the truthfulness of the assertions given, respecting immortal life, when the change that is coming is wrought; and the truthfulness of the assertions respecting the experience of a spiritual existence in the spheres of immortality; and let all take heed lest unbelief should sink them into misery, which they have no power to comprehend or conceive. My mission is now complete. Farewell! Remember the warnings!"

It will be seen by the latter portion of this revelation that the mission of Swedenborg to the earth is now complete,

and that he is not empowered to give any further revelations. And, although his assertions have been given by command of the highest powers, he being missioned to the earth for the special purpose of declaring to the world as to the truths or errors contained in his works ; and, though his answers are plain and pointed, as may be seen, yet, from the instructions I have received, a celestial revelation from the great angel Gabriel, as to the truths of his statements made in the preceding revelations, must be given. In accordance with my instructions, I, in the usual way in calling upon celestial spirits, offered up the prayer to the great angel Gabriel, and upon his appearance, asked him, in the name of the great archangel Michiel, that, if it were in accordance with Divine will, he might reveal an answer to the following question :

QUESTION.—“ Are the assertions, as given by the spirit of Emanuel Swedenborg respecting his experience after death, and the assertions given respecting the truths or errors contained in the works written by him whilst on earth, just and truthful ; and can they be implicitly relied upon by the present generations of men ? ”

In answer to this question the angel Gabriel, adorned in the most majestic robes, which hung flowing from the shoulders to the feet, of a scarlet and white hue, wearing upon his head a crown of great brilliancy, bearing with him a scroll of great magnitude, and, as it was unrolled, by a gradual process, rolling one end as the other unrolled, only a portion of the following solemn but important revelation, as a warning, could be seen at once, beginning with the following beautiful and sacred words :

CELESTIAL REVELATION.

“ If men live by the doctrines these works teach,

They speedily the realms of bliss would reach.

Behold ! I am commanded, from the power who is in direct communication from heaven, to declare to the world that this man, from early life, earnestly sought for wisdom and truth ; and the result of his desires was granted by heavenly gifts, by which means he was placed in direct communication with the world of immortality, for a purpose which was decreed should re-

establish, in the minds of the then generation, and coming generations of men, the sacred reality of an hereafter existence. And the power which was given him from on high was exercised in the endeavours to promote the worldly interest and happiness of man ; and his studies and researches being spread, other men became convinced of his talent and heavenly gifts, whereby they looked upon him with superstitious fear and reverence ; the result of which begat, in his expansive mind, ambition to attain a worldly name in posterity. Still, this did not divert him from the path of duty, but increased his desire to benefit his fellow men, by which means he used his energies to gain experience both of the then past and present mysteries, and the future mysteries beyond the grave. But the time had not then developed itself, according to Divine will, that men should learn what awaited them in immortality. And, though high and powerful spirits communicated strange and truthful events, they had not power to give the orders or organization of the heavenly spheres ; nor had they power to point out to him the angelic host of God from the angels who had existed upon the earth in mortal life. Hence, from his experience, which was great, his imagination soared high, and his anxiety being intense to benefit the rising generations of men, he gave descriptions calculated to excite in the minds of men conformation to the doctrines he taught, they being the fear and love of God, with charity and affection for each other ; so that, although many errors respecting angels, spirits, infants, hells, heavens, and spheres are inserted, yet the principles of their foundation are just and true ; for, being inspired with Divine wisdom, he was not permitted to insert anything which would allure man from the path of virtue and the fear of God ; therefore, what was said on the heavens, hells, and spheres, could have no concern at that period with the happiness of the human race after death. But, the Great Ruler of all justice and truth, and author of wisdom and affection, has now seen fit to thoroughly dissolve and explain, through His mediums, the mysteries which have hitherto been kept in darkness, that man may know the end which awaits him. And, in furtherance of my commands, let the world know that all the assertions given by the spirit of this man, were given by permission only, and therefore, he was not permitted to err or deliver untruths. And, again, let the people in general know that, were the doctrines which are set forth in the works of this man, as a guide to mortal life, adhered to, oppression, crime, discon-

tent, and malice would vanish, and the Lord would be feared and praised; while brotherly love and affection, with true charity, would reign amongst men; and the earth itself would then be a paradise. But, as a warning that men may no longer scoff, I must here declare that the time is at hand when all evils shall be erased by fire, sword, frost, famine, whirlwinds, and lightning, as fire from heaven. When the chosen people of God shall stand erect in the midst of these calamities with uplifted hands and eyes, crying aloud,---Praised be thee, O Lord God Almighty, for thus bringing thy righteous judgments upon the earth, by cleansing it from all evils, and so fitting the people and the universe for the reign of that gracious Redeemer, whose sovereign will will rule over a people whose garments and persons are spotlessly white and free from all that evil which hitherto existed upon the earth. Therefore be prepared that thou mayest dwell with Him under His holy sway, and enjoy perfect happiness and love henceforth to the end. Therefore let mankind take warning."

This extraordinary, but plain and positive revelation, given by the great angel Gabriel, who is the highest and holiest celestial spirit with whom it is possible for man to communicate through any medium which exists, proves to the world, beyond all possible doubt, that, although the works of Swedenborg contain errors; yet such errors are in no way calculated to lead men from the path of virtue, but that his doctrines and principles of religion, as taught by him, are declared by the angel Gabriel to be fear and love of God, and charity to all men; while he himself is, in like manner, declared to have been a good man, devoting his life to the service of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures; proving also the principles and groundwork of the visions and descriptions set forth by him to be just and truthful, and that his only ambition was his intense anxiety to lead men in the path of justice and honour one with another. These being the assertions of the highest celestial power, who speaks so highly of Swedenborg's career during mortal life, I, without making any further remarks or allusions on his own revelations, respecting his experience in immortality and other matters, will, for the present, pause, and, in compliance with my instructions, proceed to give the experience

in immortality of Joseph Smith, with all other matters necessary to be enquired into, respecting the truthfulness and justice of the doctrines, as generally taught in the Book of Mormon writings. After which, the necessary remarks and explanations upon the characters and conduct of both these extraordinary men will be given, with all other information, in accordance with the instructions I have received.

Revelations from the Spirit of JOSEPH SMITH,

THE MORMON PROPHET,

Or Founder of the Sect called Latter-day Saints.

He was a prophet decreed from the skies,
With special gifts to teach men to be wise ;
Who, through ambition for a worldly name,
Brought down upon himself and followers shame.

SPIRITUAL.

In introducing the spiritual experience of this extraordinary man, since the flight of his spirit into the realms of immortality, I, before calling upon his spirit to appear, enquired of the celestial powers whether any passage or words were necessary to be given at the opening of that part of the work which is to be devoted to the subject of the enquiries made through him. For, being utterly ignorant of the principles and doctrines which he set forth, and other persons being present who have read and studied his works, and, feeling desirous that whatever communications he might make, should be made in the presence of persons who were acquainted with the society of which he was the founder. I, therefore,

made the above enquiry prior to calling his spirit; and, in answer to which, the angel Gabriel appeared and revealed the above striking words, which, I do not hesitate to say, from what I had formerly heard respecting his character, impressed me with a widely different feeling; for the above words clearly show, in defiance of whatever the world may say of him, that he was sent as a prophet, by the decrees of Heaven, to teach mankind to walk in the path of justice and wisdom; while they also shew, that whatever his commands were from on high, he gave way to the desire of worldly ambition, by which means the Great Ruler of all goodness left him to follow the dictates of his own worldly desires, through which, as the lines prove, he brought down shame and dishonour upon himself and followers. But to what extent he is culpable, or responsible for the professions, creed, faith, or delusions of those who follow in his steps, must be left to the assertions of his spirit, who will, in like manner with the spirit of Swedenborg, be commanded by the highest powers to give truths respecting his past life upon the earth, as well as in the spheres of immortality, revealing nothing but such as will be of interest and importance to the rising generations of men, both as a guide to their mortal life, and to their happiness while passing the spheres of immortality. With this short introduction, I will here proceed in my task in accordance with my instructions; and, accordingly, prepare myself for the vision of the spirit of Joseph Smith. As soon as the necessary preliminaries which are used for the invocation of aerial spirits were gone through, and the necessary commands had been put, the vision at once filled the space with darkness, and, after gradually clearing off, a figure of a man appeared in the midst, who bore a somewhat melancholy and gloomy appearance. He was attired in a long, loose, brown garment, which covered him from the top of his head downwards below the feet, so that his face and the lower portion of his legs were only visible. He appeared to be about five feet seven or eight inches high, and, as far as the outline of his figure could be observed under the loose garment, was tolerably broad set about the shoulders. His

head was bent forward, and his features appeared dark and of a melancholy expression. But the figure was so concealed that unless a person was familiar with him it would have been difficult to recognise him. One of the persons present, however, who recollected his size and stature, said that the description was correct. He bore with him a scroll, in like manner with the spirit of Swedenborg, and upon its being unrolled the following revelation was displayed, and which is here copied in the spirit's own words :

REVELATION....“ I am the spirit of Joseph Smith, whose whole career, whilst living, is well known in various parts of the earth, and whose death is likewise recorded ; and therefore, I am only commanded to state that my career was ended on the 27th June, 1844, in a manner at which human nature would shrink at the recapitulation thereof. But I am also commanded to declare to the world, that the earliest portion of my life was spent in the fear and love of God, such fear being impressed upon me by a nightly vision, which shewed to me the errors of human life in general, together with my own past follies, and the future state which would exist upon the earth, prior to the establishment of Christ's kingdom. And, that as I grew in grace and fear of God, heavenly visions, with sacred and holy communications were made unto me, that I might prepare the minds of men for the things which, even yet, must come to pass. By making known my experience to others, I was assisted in my endeavours to promote and spread the doctrines of Christ's gospel. But they proved ambitious and selfish ; shewed to me the necessity of securing worldly interest, to which I at length yielded ; and, by listening to their persuasions, I swerved from the path of truth which was laid out for me. And, though frequent warnings were revealed unto me against hypocrisy, and all evils to which the human race are subject, yet I continued to set forth deceptive and delusive doctrines, mingled with what I knew was just and holy ; until Him who had called me to this mighty mission caused me to end my career ignominiously. While those who assisted me in the propagation of the laws and the formations of the church, alone reaped the worldly benefit of the things for which I laboured ; for they induced me to frame laws, codes, rules, rites, and ceremonies, which are all estranged from God, and opposed to Divine wisdom and truth, and by which means thousands of my

fellow creatures are drawn, by these delusions, to desolation, misery, and ruin; while those whom they look up to are, in my name, reaping rewards, to the detriment of those who listen to their delusions. Further information will be given by me at the conclusion of my present declarations. For my disobedience I was cut off, as described, and my spirit emerged into mysterious immortality. But, as other spirits have given their experience, I am commanded to declare that I too, suffered all the horrors which the hypocrite has described, while continuing near and around the place inhabited by my body. Four years have now elapsed since I passed the first boundary of darkness, beyond which I mingled with the yells, screams, and reproaches of myriads of spirits, as others have described, and where I still remain with the hypocrites of my class, and in which we dread the experience of a future state. Therefore, I am commanded to declare to the world that hypocrisy, or professions outwardly of that which the conscience secretly denies, will meet with a just punishment when reaching the spheres where I now inhabit. And I have been commanded to declare that those who follow the delusions which are set forth by those who profess to be my followers, are the victims of ignorance and vice, and who, after this warning, will meet and merit the just reward, should they neglect. Therefore, as other spirits, in the "Warning Message," have duly described the horrors and sufferings of tyrants, hypocrites, murderers, drunkards, usurers, infidels, and suicides, I am commanded to declare that experience has bitterly proved the truthfulness of their assertions, and which all mankind will assuredly experience. Therefore let them be prepared. Further answers will be given to all matters of interest, upon which enquiry is necessary to be made for the instruction of man."

This revelation, given by the spirit of Joseph Smith, himself, by command of the highest powers, must prove to the world that he himself, whilst living, was called in early life, by Heaven, for the fulfilment of a great and mighty mission. It also proves that he listened to the persuasions of worldly minded men, who allured him from the righteous path laid out before him, by which means he neglected the sacred revelations and commands he received from on high. And, by their persuasions, mingled his divine and celestial revelations with a spurious and fraudulent invention, for the

purpose of securing a worldly name and aggrandizement, which, however, will be further treated upon in the future pages of this pamphlet. And, in the meantime, as his spirit has stated that other questions of importance relative to the doctrines and faith founded by him will be answered by his spirit, I, in accordance therewith, and in compliance with my instructions, and the request of the parties present, again summoned the spirit of Joseph Smith to appear, and, in compliance with the usual invocations, for invoking aerial spirits, he appeared, when I asked, in the name of the great angel Michael, who is chief ruler over all the aerial spheres, and in the name of the great archangel Michiel, who is chief ruler and governor of all the angels and spirits who inhabit the celestial and aerial spheres, that, if it were in accordance with Divine will, he might reveal answers to the following series of questions :

QUESTION 1.—“ Are the revelations, as given in your work, entitled the “ Doctrines and Covenants,” as you received them from on high ; or are there additions made thereto ? ”

REVELATION 1.—“ No. The revelations I received from on high were, that I should go forth and instruct the people in the fear and love of God, and to prepare them for the great change that was at hand, beseeching them to refrain from the follies and vices of worldly life, and to exhibit a true feeling of charity, friendship, brotherly love, and affection for each other, that they might be found cleansed of the evils when God's wrath should fall upon the earth. And, after repeated calls and warnings of this sacred and holy nature, I communicated my experience to my friends about me, some of whom were also gifted with heavenly gifts, and spoke marvellous and divine things, and who used their exertions to diffuse the knowledge we had received. But our assertions were scoffed and ridiculed, and we treated with contempt ; while our faith sunk and worldly ambition entered our minds, when our friends suggested the necessity of using worldly means for the attainment of worldly support, and, by secret and private consultation, selected many passages from the apostolic writings, adding thereto such paragraphs as were complacent and supportive to the cause which we bound ourselves to advocate, and the whole, being

at various times combined, connected, and arranged, they were divided into separate passages, paragraphs, or revelations, which, together with the solemn commands I had received, enabled these things to be set forth as they now appear. Hence the truthful origin of the revelations declared to have been given to me by Christ himself, but which are in reality a combination of ancient scriptural passages, as may be traced and proved by their perusal."

QUESTION 2.—"Is the gathering together in the great Salt Lake Valley in accordance with what you taught; or, is it pleasing to God; or, for what purpose did such gathering originate?"

REVELATION 2.—"I am commanded to declare that this gathering together is an abomination to God, causing disgrace and confusion to the human race, originating by the forestallment of that period when the chosen people of God shall be gathered together from all the corners of the earth. But, as worldly ambition for wealth, name, and aggrandisement in the propagation of these delusive doctrines was the object, that wealth might be collected, so that laws, rights, and ceremonies might be established amongst them in defiance of worldly law and sacred rites of man, this place was secondarily selected, to which, through the delusions which I sanctioned and set forth, thousands have flocked and regretted, and thousands, whose hypocrisy and inward deception have led them thither, are still suffering, and will continue to suffer until God's wrath cometh upon them, and all the disobedient and oppressive race of man. This I am commanded to declare."

QUESTION 3.—"Did you receive the instructions from on high for the formation of high priests, bishops, elders, patriarchs, and other functionaries, as mentioned in your work; or are they the result of your own contrivance and imagination, whilst living upon the earth?"

REVELATION 3.—"Again I am commanded to declare, that the highest powers have directed me to declare to the world, that the time had not then, nor has yet arrived, when universal faith and worship shall be established. And I also solemnly declare to the world that I received no holy or sacred instructions or revelations for laying such foundation, as described, for the church of which I was the founder. But these principles, orders, or grades of functionaries, or officers of the church, are founded, or

based upon the doctrines set forth in the ancient sacred writings of the prophets and apostles, and I, not being aware of their corruption, had gleaned suitable passages from them, and, knowing that my friends were aware of my heavenly gift, I, in co-operation with them, selected such passages as formed the basis of the church, and named the officers, with the order of their appointments, and the duties they should perform; setting it forth as a Divine revelation, the original of which, however, can be traced in the sacred writings, as above declared. While those who continue to hold these offices are aware of their hypocrisy, nor can they conceal it from the world, while their followers outwardly adhere to them that they may evade other worldly laws, conscious of the absurdity and abuses, and which I am commanded to declare, with all other evils, will be trodden to the dust."

QUESTION 4.—"Is the baptism by water for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands, a heavenly gift, by which the performers thereof accomplish the desired end; or is it good in the sight of God in accordance with your experience in immortality?"

REVELATION 4.—"I am again commanded to declare that every act, or ceremony, performed under sacred or religious pretensions, without true faith, just motives, and a contrite heart, is hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is an abomination unto God; and the destruction and overthrow of this delusion, which is near at hand, will prove to the world that its founders were hypocrites, and its followers victims of selfish desires or artful delusions."

QUESTION 5.—"Is the utterance of unknown tongues, by one person and the interpretation thereof by another, a gift of the Holy Spirit; or is it pleasing in the sight of God, in accordance with your experience in immortality?"

REVELATION 5.—"No! This is a deceptive delusion, and an abomination, and I am commanded to declare that God makes known His Divine will, through His ministers, to His people, in the language of whatever nation to which they belong, or can understand. Therefore advantage has been taken of the misconstruction of the apostles writings, and this delusive and unintelligible oration was set forth to blind and make the ceremony of prophecy mysterious. But the people will shortly be convinced of these errors, while the interpretation of this strange mixture of

unintelligible noise will be proved to be imaginary on the part of the so called gifted interpreter. These are the commands I have received."

QUESTION 6,—“Is the plurality of wives, as followed and believed by your followers, the result of your predictions from revelations; or, is this good in the sight of Heaven, in accordance with your experience in the spiritual world?”

REVELATION 6.—“No revelation was given to me from on high, ordering or sanctioning this lustful desire, but ambition and lust being in the hearts of those whose duty it was to uproot and erase such abhorrences, through which, on reading the ancient scriptures upon this subject, it was suggested to me the necessity of conforming thereto, and seeing that plurality was permitted in ancient days, I sanctioned its re-establishment, and set it forth as a Divine revelation; thereby gratifying the worldly desires of myself and those whose support I needed; but which I have since proved to be offensive to man and displeasing to God, as a gross abomination, and which all, of both sexes, who follow the dictates of this desire, will ultimately prove, when reaching the spheres of immortality; although many will live to see their guilt before the great change shall come upon the earth. Therefore, I am commanded to declare that this is an abomination, the founders and supporters of which will justly suffer in the sphere which I now inhabit.”

QUESTION 7.—“Are the enforcements and collections of tithes, as practised upon the members of the church you founded, in accordance with the works of the ancient apostles of Christ, or pleasing to God, so far as your experience has proved in the world of spirits?”

REVELATION 7.—“Christ, nor his apostles, enforced neither tithe nor tribute, but performed their works of love and charity in the fear of God, and for the well being of mankind in general, relying solely upon their Heavenly Father for the support of the body and comfort of the soul. I am therefore commanded to declare that the straight way to righteousness and peace is free from tribute, and the enforcement of such is oppressive to man and displeasing to God, who hath ordained that the gifts of His spirit, or heavenly rest and happiness, cannot be purchased; nor doth true righteousness need contribution for its sustenance, as the fear of God by all, with unity, charity, love, friendship, and affection are the only means by which man can decrease their sufferings after death, and increase

their happiness and comfort in mortal life. Therefore tithes impoverish the many and enrich the few, such being an abomination to God, I am commanded to declare it."

QUESTION 8.--"Are the Mormon doctrines as written, or purported to be translated, by you, correct copies from the plates which you set forth, as having been revealed to you by the angel of the Lord; or is this an event which really and truly occurred?"

REVELATION 8.--"Let mankind know that I have appeared by the command of the highest and holiest powers, to declare to the world that the angel of the Lord appeared unto me and revealed holy and sacred things concerning the past, present, and future state of the earth, with the past, present, and future state of man's existence, together with the duties which were necessary for mankind to adhere to, that their minds might be prepared for the coming change; but, ambition stealing upon my mind, by listening to the tuition of those by whom I was surrounded, with their assistance, I framed the doctrines therein taught, and also framed unintelligible matter upon slabs or plates, which I set forth as Divine revelation, which none could interpret but myself. Hence nothing but the work written is left to prove to the world the reality of these revelations, nor can the original delusion be brought to light; therefore, let the world no longer be kept in ignorance of the delusion under which these people labour, though the mission I was called upon to fulfil was great and holy, to instruct men in the path of wisdom and justice, that they might fear God and love one another; yet the scoffs and jeers of those who opposed me, with the persuasions and assistance of my friends, I disregarded the heavenly and holy injunctions I had received; and to satisfy my worldly desires in attaining wealth and name, I propagated the delusive doctrines and laws which brought down upon me the displeasure of a just and merciful God. So that, for my disobedience, my career was cut short; while those who have followed in my steps have suffered for their wanton incredulity, and I am commanded to declare that this sect, even as all others of the present day, through their tyranny and hypocritical actions, and professions, are an abomination to God, and for which His vengeance will assuredly fall upon the earth. Having now declared all that is necessary for the future guidance and instruction to man, I am commanded to warn them to refrain from oppressing each other, but to act with charity,

love, and affection to each other, fearing God, and to rely on my assertions. And, with peace and good-will to all men, my mission to the earth is now complete. Farewell! the warnings given need regarding with trembling for the future. I am called hence. Farewell!"

The truthfulness of the preceding revelations, as given from the spirit of Joseph Smith, are thoroughly proved by the numerous circumstances connected with the doctrines, their church set forth. For it is evident that were they the chosen people of God, and if the great Salt Lake Valley were the place appointed by Heaven for the great universal gathering; neither the people themselves nor their leader would have been permitted to suffer, as numerous reports have proved, both by the public press and by persons who have visited that remote district and returned in disgust. I, myself, have conversed with the individuals who have returned from the head quarters of this sect of people, and who have related circumstances to me respecting the order of the society and the system of their government, which have been of such a nature as would have shocked any reasonable minded person to listen to, and I, myself, could not give credit to one third of what was related to me. For, from what I had heard previously, I believed that Joseph Smith was altogether a hypocrite, but still, I believed that some of his doctrines were truthful and just; believing, also, that if a man were delivering a discourse of any length, or on any subject, some portion thereof must naturally contain truth. But the lines given at the opening of the portion of this pamphlet allotted for his assertions, prove to the world that he was gifted with a heavenly gift, which was, however, misused; by which means the great Giver of all gifts cut short his career, which, in itself, should have been a warning to those who followed his delusive doctrines, for such they really are, as all his assertions bear witness. I may here observe that, at the period these revelations were obtained, there were followers of Swedenborg and of Smith, who, as soon as they learnt from the advertisements with the "Spiritual Message" and "Charity, Rest, and Freedom," applied to me with a request for that purpose, and which I readily granted,

feeling desirous for a thorough investigation of these important subjects ; and on one occasion there were eight or nine persons present, besides myself, whose names can be obtained, if required, by applying to me ; and, in fact, I have not published a revelation which was obtained without other persons being present, who have seen them copied as they were read from the vision. But, as the spirit of Joseph Smith now occupies the punishment spheres, and is, therefore, an aerial spirit of the lowest orders of departed spirits, I, in compliance with my instructions, must make a celestial enquiry as to the truthfulness of all his assertions. For, although he was commanded, by the highest powers, to appear for a special purpose, yet, fearing that he may have given some false statements, I, to satisfy myself and the parties present, and mankind in general, in compliance with former commands, again solicited the great angel Gabriel ; and, upon his appearance, asked the following question :

QUESTION.---“ Are the assertions which the spirit of Joseph Smith has given, respecting his experience after death, and his character and conduct whilst in mortal life, just and truthful ; and can they be relied upon as a guide to the present and future generations of man ? ”

In answer to this question, the great, high, and holy angel Gabriel unrolled his scroll, upon which was written the following important revelation :

CELESTIAL REVELATION.---“ Behold ! I am commanded to declare that the spirit of this man has spoken by permission only, and therefore no exaggeration was permitted to emanate from him, though omissions of many acts of hypocrisy and disobedience are made in the course of his statements. Still, the world and his followers may rest assured that his hypocrisy could be truthfully enlarged sevenfold above the statements he has been commanded to make. But Him who ruleth the actions of man in mortal life, and in the spheres of immortality, knoweth that the statements which are contained in each of his declarations, are sufficient in themselves to shew to the world that this sect is an hypocritical abomination, and which will shortly, with all others which now exist, be overthrown and trodden to the dust. And I am also commanded to declare that the great and mighty Author of all things, visible and invisible, knoweth the actions and secret

thoughts of all men, and chooses them for His mighty purposes accordingly. Hence, knowing that the period was fast approaching, when the chosen people of the Lord should be gathered together, it was necessary that the minds of men should be prepared to receive Divine revelation. And, knowing also that the ambition and simplicity of this man, if left to the dictates of his own worldly desires, would consent to endeavour to spread doctrines, and establish laws and creeds for the sake of ambition and a worldly name, he was therefore chosen; and, by attempting to forestall the Divine will of God, he was permitted to allure and deceive the people, until his career was ended, as described; and his followers will likewise suffer misery and degradation. Still, this man feared God and received nightly visions, prior to receiving the Heavenly gift of revelation, when he was entrusted, by Divine permission, with sacred and holy communications on future events, until his faith, through ambition, sunk, and with it he ignominiously sunk also. And I am further commanded to declare that the time has now come, when the people of the earth should be shewn their errors, and warned of the things which will shortly come to pass. Therefore, let all men endeavour to act with charity, justice, brotherly love, and affection towards each other; fearing God, and glorifying His holy name, with hands and eyes uplifted, that they may look with calmness, fortitude, and compassion upon the terrible calamities which shall fall upon the earth, and the misery of those who scoff and ridicule at His holy and heavenly warnings. Therefore, with these words, I command you that further revelations must be inserted, ere the conclusion of this work, the nature of which will be shewn by me, when called upon, at the proper space, a few pages hence."

This beautiful and explicit, but solemn revelation, plainly shows the character, principles, and foundation upon which the church of the so-called "Latter Day Saints," is founded. What a wide contrast is shown upon the characters and principles of these two men in mortal life. For, the angel Gabriel declares, in corroboration of the assertions of the spirit of Swedenborg, that although he, also, gave way to ambitious desires, yet that his whole life was devoted to seeking the Divine wisdom and glory of God, by the unravelling and explaining of mysteries connected with the future state beyond the grave, and in the endeavour of establishing a true feeling of brotherly love and charity amongst

men, beseeching them to fear God and refrain from oppressing each other; showing by the explanation of his spiritual visions the happy and joyful end which awaited the just and righteous, and the misery and wretched end of those whose delight was to injure their fellow man by thought, word, or deed. Although his over zeal for the good and well being, of his fellow creatures led him to insert unwarrantable descriptions of an immortal life, in consequence of his lofty imagination which inspired him, through the things which he really experienced, yet the angel Gabriel declares, that neither his ambition, errors, nor delusive descriptions were any mar, or hindrance to the happiness or progress of the spirit of man after death. But, on the contrary, that his only ambition was to induce men, by the stretch of his imagination, in his descriptions of the spiritual world, to adhere to the doctrines he taught, which doctrines the great angel Gabriel declares is the fear of God, with charity and love to one another, and that if all would follow out the doctrines he set forth, the earth, itself, would be a paradise. He also further declares that Emanuel Swedenborg was inspired with Divine wisdom; and, though the time had not then arrived when mankind should be made thoroughly acquainted with that which awaited them in immortality, yet he was not permitted to insert anything in his works which would allure men from the path of virtue in mortal life, or mar their happiness in immortality. Notwithstanding that his doctrines are the only doctrines which the celestial spirits sanction as just and pleasing to God, yet even they are declared, in their present mode of setting forth, to be an abomination to God, even as all others. For the time has not yet arrived when universal faith shall be established. The spirits declare that the very persons who outwardly profess to follow his precepts, publicly deny them by their characters and bearing towards other denominations; merely acting and advocating his principles under a cloak of hypocrisy, having no real charity or sympathy for other men who think otherwise; so that they become *bigots*. Nor do they appear to forgive men whose characters may have been reformed from vice and folly to moral and virtuous life.

Thus, though professing the sacred and holy doctrines taught by Swedenborg, they deny the fundamental principles of their foundation. For Swedenborg advocates progression in immortal life, and final happiness; while some of his most devout followers, as they profess to be, hold forth that a wicked man after death must live *for ever* in torment, which is contrary to Swedenborg's assertions, and justice, and reason itself. But this is not a general rule amongst his followers. For I have corresponded with others who believe his works, and endeavour to live by them; while they also believe that, in some instances, he might have been wrong; believing also that as time advances, knowledge of this world and of the world of immortality likewise increases. The spirits confirm these ideas; and which experience has, in many instances, demonstrated. The assertions of Swedenborg's spirit, however, are, in many instances, at variance with his works. For his spirit states that he was gifted with spiritual and heavenly gifts in early life; while his works state he was fifty years of age when called to this mighty mission; but the latter, I believe, to have been the period of his commencing writing his experience. The other instances which vary, may be traced by comparing his revelations with his works, which he left. They, however, all prove that he performed the task for which he was ordained, which was to establish the truthfulness of an hereafter existence; and I trust his warnings, together with the declarations of the angel Gabriel, may be borne in mind, as they declare that the principles taught in his works are sacred truths; but that they, being professed under a cloak of hypocrisy, became an abomination; for the time is not yet, when perfect religious harmony shall be established, but happy am I to learn that one man has endeavoured to set forth doctrines, by adhering to which, mankind in general might dwell in harmony in this world, and find happiness in the world to come; and the doctrines generally taught by Emanuel Swedenborg, whilst living upon the earth, are proved by the assertions of the angel Gabriel, to be just and holy, and would that his followers and mankind in general should adhere to them without hypocrisy, inwardly adhering

to that which they outwardly profess. In reference to the doctrines and principles set forth by Joseph Smith and his followers, who are the founders of the mystic and delusive doctrines of the church of the Latter Day Saints, the labours and results of the two men are of a widely different nature. For, although the angel Gabriel declares that Joseph Smith received nightly visions and heavenly gifts, yet, as the time for the developement of the mysteries of immortality had not arrived, he was left to his worldly desires, by which means he listened to the persuasions of worldly-minded men, who, being likewise ambitious, conspired together to frame laws and doctrines, whereby their own interests could be served, and thus allured men into the belief that his delusive doctrines were the results of Divine revelations. While his own assertions, made by his spirit in the preceding revelations, all of which are confirmed by the great angel Gabriel, show to the world in what manner, and for what purpose, and under what circumstances all the delusive abominations he set forth, originated. In his experience, which his spirit makes respecting his past life, his death, and experience in immortality, he plainly shows the enormity of his guilt in hypocrisy and deception, he being yet in the punishment spheres, having passed the first boundary of darkness four years' since; for explanation of these spheres see the "Spiritual Message." Although he was gifted with Divine revelation, yet the "Doctrines and Covenants," as set forth by him as having been received from Christ himself, are nothing more than selected passages of the ancient apostolic writings, which were connected together by him and his associates, with the necessary additions in favour of their cause, and set forth as Divine revelations sanctioned by Smith himself, although the angel Gabriel declares that the only revelations he received were to warn mankind that they might be prepared for the coming mighty events. Thus men were allured to gather together and believe in the spurious doctrines which were set forth in the name of the Most High; but which is now proved to the world, by his own spirit's assertions, to be an hypocritical abomination. The gathering together in Salt Lake Valley, is likewise another gross delusion. For, he declares in his revelation

upon that subject, that he, having received Divine commands that, in the latter days, there should be a gathering together of the people from every corner of the earth, was induced by his associates to set forth, as a Divine revelation, that the time of the gathering had then come, and thus endeavour to forestall the period for the fulfilment of God's holy decrees, by which means thousands of his fellow-creatures have been allured into confusion, misery, degradation, and ruin. And yet, although the Salt Lake is the second place of their gathering, they having been driven from a former place, which Smith declared Heaven had decreed for that purpose, yet even this was not sufficient to convince his followers of their delusion. Even his death, which occurred in a manner, the relating of which must shock the feelings of every true christian, has not had the effect of staying or allaying their energies in the propagation or diffusion of his delusive doctrines. When, if one serious thought was given upon the subject, men would know that were this doctrine the decree of heaven, or Joseph Smith, the person decreed for the purpose which he represented himself to be, no earthly power would have been permitted to route them from their first gathering, nor could they have taken his life in the manner described. But, with these glaring proofs before their eyes, the people run headlong into the snare, for which step, however, there are numerous proofs which show to the world the regret and consternation they experience. But, the angel Gabriel declares, that there are many of his followers who are inwardly aware of the delusions connected with the doctrines of their church, but turn to it for the mere sake of evading other worldly laws. Thus, under the cloak of hypocrisy, declare themselves believers in the doctrines set forth in anticipation of receiving thereby some worldly advantage, which, however, ultimately proves the delusion under which they have laboured, and to which, thousands who have returned, can bear testimony. In like manner, his revelation, which he has given in answer to the question upon the plurality of wives, proves, in the most striking language, that this is also an hypocritical abomination. For, he having read the ancient scriptures, and not being aware of their corruption, and learning from them that

the ancients indulged themselves in matters of this nature, his party consulted together, and, being anxious to gratify their worldly lusts and desires, allured their leader to set this doctrine forth as a Divine revelation, and which all, who were willing to conform and comply in the satisfying of their ambitious desires, readily accepted and believed, but the spirit of Smith declares that all men who indulge in this practice will ultimately prove that it is a gross abomination, which God will assuredly punish. Another revelation also proves that every act which is practised under religious pretensions, either in that or any other community, without true faith and sincere devotion, is hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is an abomination to God; and, therefore, that baptism by water, and the laying on of hands, and all other *formal* ceremonies being professed or imitated, without true faith and a contrite heart, is displeasing to God, and will assuredly merit a just reward. While the gift of prophecy, the angel declares, in confirmation of Smith's own spirit's assertions, God commands to be made and given in the language of whatever country the people, to whom such prophecy is addressed, may belong; so that it may be plainly understood. Declaring also, that any orations which are made in unintelligible language, is an abomination, while the orator and so-called interpreter, are hypocrites of the grossest nature. His spirit also declares that the plates which he purported to have discovered, with the Mormon doctrines written thereon, is a fabrication of his own invention. In proof of which the so-called plates cannot be produced, and no other person could interpret the doctrines which they were said to contain, but that he, with the assistance of others, laid the foundation of the Mormon church upon his pretended interpretation, setting all forth as Divine revelations. His spirit also declares that all the said doctrines are hypocritical delusions, for which he is now suffering, and for which all who continue in hypocrisy will likewise suffer. Still, it is evident from his own assertions, which are confirmed by the angel Gabriel, that he was a God-fearing man, and was called to the fulfilment of a great and mighty mission; but, on making known the Divine revelations which he received from Heaven, to the supposed friends, whose support and assistance he required in the pro-

pagation and spreading of the things revealed unto him, they being of a worldly disposition, notwithstanding that they received Divine warnings, they disregarded them, and saw that, by the things which had been revealed, they might be turned to a worldly advantage which would secure to them immediate benefits. Thus, they establish themselves in positions to which others would bow in reverence; and Smith, after receiving the Divine warnings, was left to the dictates of his own worldly desires, as a test to his faith in the service of his God. Ambition entering his mind, he gave way to the persuasions of those whose only aim was self-interest, and thus sanctioned the spurious doctrines which they conspired to frame, and to set forth as Divine revelations coming from God, which ultimately led to his overthrow and death, and the confusion and misery which resulted and continues to manifest itself amongst his followers. But the angel Gabriel, after declaring that he was chosen for this purpose, nevertheless declares that this, as all other sects which now exist, is an abomination to God, and shall be overthrown and trodden to the dust, and that the time is at hand when all mankind shall experience the truthfulness of these assertions. As to the assertions of the spirit of Smith, and those of the angel Gabriel, which declare that he, Smith, was allured by his associates to frame spurious doctrines, for ambitious motives, and send them forth as Divine revelations, I myself, have every reason to believe in their truthfulness. For, in the course of my experience I have been connected with persons who voluntarily joined our spiritual circle at the onset of its formation, and who, seeing the nature of the Divine revelations which were made to me, together with the instructions we received for publishing and propagating the same, showed forth by forcible arguments the possibility of turning them to a great worldly advantage, either by establishing a new sect, or denomination of religion, or holding up some already established sect, as being righteous and just in the sight of God, setting forth the same, as being declared in Divine revelation; and thereby securing to ourselves the advantage which would accrue to us as being the founders of a new sect, or the advantage of deriving pecuniary assistance, or

worldly benefit from the particular sect which the revelations should be declared would advocate. I, however, would not consent to either of these projects, and contended that they should go forth as they were received, untainted and uncorrupted, and was supported in my object by other friends to the cause. For our instructions were, to publish to the world that all sects and denominations which exist are, through their hypocrisy, opposed to the Divine will and wisdom of our Heavenly Father; and therefore I adhered to the instructions I received. Having been promised assistance from Heaven, I have literally realized every promise. For, as the revelations condemn every sect, I could not expect assistance or support from any. Nor could we establish any new creed, sect, or form of worship, as the angel of the Lord declares that the time had not yet arrived, when universal faith and worship should be established. Therefore, under the existing national laws of tyranny any hypocrisy, as practised in all nations, no universal church could exist; and, the only rules and forms of worship necessary to be observed as a guide to the comfort of man in mortal life and their happiness in immortality are, to love and fear God with true faith in Christ, in sincerity of heart, to be charitable, kind, compassionate, and affectionate towards all our fellow creatures, and not to despise them on account of their failings or difference in dispositions or belief; but to remember that we are all alike God's creatures, and brethren of the great human family, whose origin was to labour in love and unity, for the comfort and happiness of each other, in perfect freedom and harmony, without the slavish fear or the worshipping of kings, wealth, or creeds; but to remember that to worship any earthly idol, either through fear or ignorance, or for the sake of worldly aggrandisement is displeasing to that God whose will is that all His creatures should be happy. These sacred doctrines revealed to me from on high, I and my friends have endeavoured to follow out to the utmost of our power, though there are some, as described in the "Spiritual Message," who have swerved from the path, and have suffered for their disobedience. While, thanks to a Divine and merciful God, I resented all persuasions, regardless of wealth, name, or

aggrandisement; and still continue with my friends in the path laid out; nor will anything induce me to alter or cause to be altered, or sanction any alteration to be made in the Divine revelations I have received. Although they may be displeasing or doubted by some, on account of the strenuous principles they advocate, yet I and my friends, in the name and in the presence of a just and merciful God, bear a true feeling of charity and sympathy with religious affection and brotherly love, towards all mankind; beseeching the followers of every sect and denomination to do the same; assuring them that the holy angel Gabriel has declared that these works have been written for the welfare and guidance of the human race, and that my own intentions are purely charitable and compassionate towards each and all; and that it is for their good I have laboured, having been called to that end by a power over which I had no control, and my labours were for a time unconscious to myself, as to their ultimate end. Before making any further remarks I must return to the assertions of the angel Gabriel at the conclusion of his last revelation, wherein he states that further revelations will be given a few pages hence; and, upon my enquiry, as to their number, the angel Gabriel informed me that three revelations would be given for insertion, the nature of which would be revealed with each, with poetic lines for the conclusion. Therefore, fearing lest too much space might be occupied, I again called upon Gabriel in the usual way and made the following enquiry:

QUESTION.—“What is the nature of the revelations here to be inserted, in accordance with Divine will?”

CELESTIAL REVELATION.—“Behold! I am commanded to declare, that although I have received commands to declare to the world that every sect and denomination of religion which now exists is an abomination to God, yet I am also commanded to declare, that the things which their different followers openly profess, are, in themselves, pleasing to Him who is all love, justice, and mercy; but the gross hypocrisy under which these professions are made, are, in themselves, displeasing and offensive to the Most High. And the rulers and authors of these sects and denominations have caused the greatest of evils to exist amongst men; and it is their abominations which have brought down the vengeance of Heaven upon the earth,

and which they who continue in hypocrisy, shall suffer. While those who live with true faith and sincerity, inwardly and secretly living and feeling that which they outwardly profess, shall be sheltered under the protection of that God who knoweth the secret thoughts and actions of all."

It will be seen by the above revelation, that although each sect and denomination is an abomination to God; that the principles of religion are pleasing to Him; but the gross hypocrisy under which the outward professions are made are displeasing to the Most High. While, if all men, who belong to the different sects, inwardly adhered to the principles which they outwardly profess, many comforts would be enjoyed amongst men which now do not exist. While the authors and rulers of these sects have caused the greatest evils to exist amongst men, and it is their hypocrisy which has brought down the vengeance of Heaven upon the earth. It is evident that, if even the followers of Joseph Smith adhered strictly to the principles which he has taught, leaving out the gathering, with the plurality of wives and the formation of bishops, deacons, and other functionaries, and other worldly and ambitious laws, living only up to the doctrines of the fear of God, faith in Christ, charity and brotherly love, as contained in the covenant and laws of the church, without hypocrisy, their actions would be pleasing in the sight of God. But those who continue in hypocrisy will suffer in the dreadful calamities which must fall upon the earth. It must not be understood that the persons who belong to any particular sect, and fell inwardly, and follow strictly, the religious principles they outwardly profess, will be held responsible for the errors of their church principles when they are seeking, with earnest desire, for Divine truth and the glory of God. But it is those who, under *hypocrisy*, set forth the delusions to screen their own villany, and to further their ambitious desires, knowing well that they are leading the ignorant into errors by their hypocritical and ambitious professions; it is they who will suffer the just vengeance of heaven for their hypocrisy and cruel deception; no matter whether sanctioned or countenanced by the worldly law, so that the followers of any sect, if they are earnest to serve God faithfully and truthfully, without bigotry or hypocrisy, will meet with salvation, and speedy happiness in the world to come. With

these assurances, from the highest and holiest source, I will now proceed to the next enquiry, and, in the usual way, humbly beseech the angel Gabriel, in the name of the Most High, that he may reveal the second revelation of those which he declared must be inserted before the conclusion of this work, and, upon his re-appearance, he unrolled the scroll which he bore, upon which the following revelation was displayed :

CELESTIAL REVELATION.—“ Behold ! it is the decree of the Most High God that the works you have written should go forth to the inhabitants of the earth, warning them of the events which are therein declared, that the people may refrain from worshipping earthly idols, either as kings, rulers, wealth, or creeds, and thereby cleave only to that which will ensure happiness in this world and glory in the world to come ; and, by refraining from the above evils, men will learn to love, honor, cherish, comfort and protect each other ; fearing God, and walking humbly and submissively under His Divine laws and commandments, and thereby be prepared for the disasters which must inevitably come to pass ; so that, in the days of tumult and strife, they may be numbered amongst His chosen people, and assist in that mighty victory which shall create universal love, happiness, and religious harmony, with perfect freedom amongst all the inhabitants of the earth.”

In the above revelation, it will be seen that the angel Gabriel confirms the assertions made to me by my own guardian angel in October, 1853, “ contained in the concluding series of the ‘ Spiritual Message,’ ” in which I first received instructions for the publication of revelations on public events, but which I unheeded, in consequence of my faith not being sufficient in the belief of spiritual manifestations. And, even when I obtained my mission in February, 1854, which declared that the things, which should emanate through me, should be circulated, far and wide, throughout the kingdom, I had no thought, or knowledge, of publishing any matters of this kind, as has already been described in the latter pages of the “ Spiritual Message.” And though frequent commands were given to me to that effect, no revelations were published until the month of June, 1855, though, during the intervening period, our whole circle suffered the greatest difficulties and anxieties through

this disobedience; the particulars of which may also be seen in the above-named work. Our repeated sufferings and warnings, however, at length brought some of our spiritual circle to a sense of duty and obedience; and I myself, having proved the sacred truthfulness of many important revelations, on the private affairs of myself and friends, communicated the same to them, who were satisfied with what I informed them, and which their own experience had proved to be correct. Some of them, whose names can be given, if required, by application to me, agreed to comply with the spiritual commands they had received, and render me assistance in this great task. But none of us having the necessary means for defraying the expenses of printing, we feared succeeding in the undertaking. For, knowing that the subject was not popular with the masses, we could not expect that support which was necessary to carry out our instructions. Feeling this difficulty we sought for spiritual information how to proceed, and were assured that, as these works were ordained by the Great Author of all things to go forth to the world, means should be directed, by the assistance of heaven, to enable us to send them forth, that mankind might be made aware of the events which awaited them. This assurance we have literally proved, as the issue of the following works proves, which have been published at an immense cost, the first of which was the first series of a pamphlet entitled, "The cause of the present War; the destiny of the nations of Europe; the final termination of War; or, the ultimate tranquilization of the World." The second series, entitled "The universal War, with its coming horrors, or, England's disastrous alliance." The third series, "The result of the War, with England's prospects with France,—her coming struggle and future greatness." "The People's Guide," shewing the errors and mistranslation of the scriptures, with its cause and results. "The Book of Knowledge," shewing the method by which the ancient prophets held communication with angels, as revealed for the instruction of man. "The Warning Message from the World of Spirits," shewing the state of man after death, with their state of progress and suffering throughout the spheres of immortality. "Charity, Rest, and Freedom; or,

the laws which will exist under the reign of Christ." And, lastly, the present work ; all of which being issued, shows to the world that this great task has been truthfully accomplished by the assistance of strangers, under the direction of heaven, whose labours and exertions will merit and receive the Divine blessings of Him for whom they have laboured ; such labours having fulfilled the commands and instructions I received three years' previously, though unknown to themselves. The next important feature in the preceding revelation declares that these things have been sent forth to warn mankind of the things which must come to pass, that they may refrain from worshipping either kings, rulers, wealth, or creeds ; such being the principal idols which men generally look up to for succour and help ; forgetting that the Great Eternal God is Him from whom all goodness can emanate. Thus, instead of worshipping Him, and keeping His laws and commandments, and resigning themselves humbly and submissively to His will, they worship and reverence kings and rulers for the sake of ambition ; paying hypocritical homage to them through fear of worldly laws, or pain of punishment ; forgetting their duty to God and their fellow creatures. While *wealth*, in like manner, is sought, coveted, or gained, and worshipped above all other things, human or Divine, and is thus made the idol of the hearts of all who possess it, while they forget that it cannot purchase contentment, health, or life in this world, or happiness in the world to come. No ! they die and leave it ; spreading the seeds of discord amongst those who inherit it. While the many creeds which exist, as the spiritual foundations of the many followers, which they worship with bigoted superstition and blind ignorance, instead of uniting in brotherly love, and fear of God, with true faith in Christ, and charity to all men, are proved, by their diversified character, to result in controversy and confusion ; causing contention and strife amongst their followers ; the rulers of which are the most hypocritical and selfish race of men, by holding forth doctrines to their ignorant followers, which, instead of diffusing knowledge, happiness, or the fear of God amongst them, only teaches them to be submissive to the oppression which their creeds teach, and rulers hold forth to be neces-

sary for the people's salvation to obey. The same revelation also declares that, by refraining from the above evils, a true feeling of the fear and love of God, brotherly love, charity, justice, and humanity will be cherished amongst them, such being necessary to fit them to be numbered with the chosen people of God when the dreaded calamities, which have been foretold, shall fall upon the earth; so that they may be sheltered beneath His Divine wisdom and blessings, and assist in, or witness the mighty victory which shall establish true brotherly love and charity, with universal freedom and perfect harmony amongst all the inhabitants of the earth. We have now seen that all the revelations given by the spirit of Swedenborg are confirmed by the angel Gabriel, who also declares, that whatever the present generations of men may think or assert respecting his career in mortal life, that he was a man, who, through the fear of God and love of charity, justice, and freedom, was gifted with heavenly gifts. And although his worldly ambition led him to commit errors, yet he devoted his heavenly gifts in the promotion of the welfare of his fellow creatures whilst upon the earth, and the errors he committed could not interfere with the progress or happiness of man after death. But although his life proved to be morally and virtuously spent, yet his spirit declares, such declarations being confirmed by the great angel Gabriel, that even he has had to suffer progressive purification in immortality. Thus proving that human nature, however morally or virtuously good it may be, cannot be pure, or fitted for the presence of its Creator, until it has passed through progressive purification. So, also, are the assertions of the spirit of Joseph Smith, respecting his experience in immortality, together with his deeds or habits in mortal life, confirmed by the same great, high, and celestial angel, who also declares that the world must know that he, also, feared God and lived a virtuous life, and was gifted with heavenly gifts in Divine revelations, for the purpose of making the decrees of Heaven known to the people, that they might be prepared to receive Divine revelations. But, that our Heavenly Father knowing that the period had not then arrived for these things to be diffused, Smith was gifted with revelations of a nature calculated to excite at-

tention ; while God, also knowing his weakness, as a test to his faith, left him to his own worldly desires, by which means he brought down his miserable end, and for which disobedience he is still suffering from the reproaches of those whom, through his ambition, he allured to the follies and vices which his confederates induced him to sanction and set forth. So that, although his doctrines are shown by himself and the angel Gabriel to be an abomination to God, yet he himself was a good living man up to the time he was gifted with power, which he, instead of exercising for the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures, endeavoured to turn to advantage to his own ambitious and self interests which God however ended in a manner which should have been a warning to all who followed his delusions. It must be understood that the spirits of these two men have given their revelations by command of the highest powers, the same as the spirits of the Duke of Wellington, the Bishop of Ely, Saville, the murderer, and others, as mentioned in the "Message from the World of Spirits," and their revelations are confirmed by the highest celestial angel, and therefore each of their assertions may be relied on, as they have spoken, by permission only, and could not say more than would be instructive to mankind. Had they been called in the usual way, as practised under ordinary circumstances, and commanded by me to make declarations, I could not have placed any reliance upon what they said. For, they, being still in the aerial spheres, are amongst the evil spirits who, being yet near the world, retain a portion of their worldly nature, and would therefore be liable and likely to give delusive revelations, which is the case with all spirits who are commanded by man to appear and give revelations, for such has, in many instances, been proved to be the case, however just the intentions of the enquirer may have been, this cause arising out of the ignorance of the enquirers how to distinguish the evil from the good, and not knowing the distinction of the two spheres, viz., the aerial and celestial. But, be it understood, that no man is able to command a power or a person superior to himself. For the superior will condescend to nothing but humble solicitude, or prayer and supplication ; while the

inferior, or evil, if commanded to do anything against their will or inclinations, will endeavour to evade the object for which the command is made, or delude the enquirer who makes it; so that while prayer and supplication are the only means by which celestial spirits can be approached, forcible language as commands, or conjurations, are necessary for the invocation of evil, or aerial spirits, whose delight is in deceptive delusions. And the more evil spirits will frequently personify and answer for the spirits who are really called. In this manner many of our friend mediums have been deluded, more particularly the rapping mediums, who, not being empowered to see the spirits with whom they communicate, and having no means of proving their identity, are compelled to take the word of whatever spirit is present, that he is the individual whose name he gives. When, at the same time, if the circle, which is formed, is bent upon curiosity, for the sake of test, spirits will be amongst them of the same nature, who will personify the spirit intended to converse with, while, in reality, they are inferior and evil spirits under Corbynn, who is chief of the most evil spirits, and not one of them would scruple or blush at telling the most wilful falsehood, declaring at the same time that he is giving sacred truths. In this manner all who have held communication with aerial spirits have been deluded. To remedy this evil and prevent one spirit from personifying another, directions are given at the conclusion of the third chapter in the "Warning Message from the World of Spirits," where also the distinction of the aerial and celestial spheres is duly explained, together with views and visions of the same. Having thus shown how the many delusions have arisen out of spiritual manifestations, it must be here observed that although their assertions have proved in many instances erroneous and delusive, yet some sterling facts have also been proved. And though the spirits may be evil and their assertions false, or evasive, yet notwithstanding all this, the one great fact is manifested, which is the existence of spiritual agency and an hereafter existence. But the spirits of Swedenborg and Smith, having appeared by command of the higher powers, as before stated, there need no doubt exist, as to the truthfulness of their statements; for

they could not be personified by any other spirit under such circumstances. Therefore with this explanation I will leave the reader to his own judgment and understanding. For he may here learn that experience has taught me to disregard all assertions which aerial spirits would make under any other circumstances. It may be said if evil spirits are gifted with the power of personifying other spirits; how can I prove that they do not represent themselves as celestial spirits, and thereby delude me in this respect, in like manner with those above-named? But, if the reader will refer to the distinction of the spirits and spheres in the "Message," as above-named, or to a little work entitled, "The Book of Knowledge," which contains the instructions for the use of the celestial crystal, he will there learn how celestial spirits are to be communed with, after the following manner, which I here give as a comparison. Supposing a man wished to converse with a good, moral, and virtuous living person, is it natural to suppose that he would go to a prison yard amongst persons convicted of misdemeanours, or amongst felons, to find him? or would he go to some religious establishment and enquire for the most pious living person connected with the society? Why, the latter place is where he would think himself the most likely to find the good living person; and, by the same rule, when a good, holy, and celestial spirit is wished to be communed with, we must go to the high celestial spheres, and not into the low and aerial spheres, which are the abodes of evil spirits of different grades. A good spirit or celestial angel cannot be found there; nor can an evil or aerial spirit be found in the celestial spheres; nor can an aerial spirit personify a celestial spirit under any pretext whatever; while a celestial spirit will not stoop to represent an aerial spirit. Hence it is, that I was commanded to publish the "Book of Knowledge," that all persons might learn how to seek for Divine truths. To prove to the world that all the works I have sent forth have been written by special command of the highest celestial powers, on calling upon the great angel Gabriel to reveal unto me the last of the revelations for this work, in accordance with the instructions I received from him at the conclusion of the revelation confirming Smith's

assertions; after supplicating to him in the usual way he once more appeared in his majestic form, bearing with him his scroll, and, upon its being unrolled, the following striking revelation was thereon displayed :

CELESTIAL REVELATION.—“ Behold ! I am now commanded to declare unto you that the conclusion and completion of this work concludes your labours upon spiritual enquiry and manifestations on all public matters, or prophecy, on past, present, and future events. Commanding you also to declare to the world, that you are instructed to answer enquiries on all matters which may prove of importance and interest to the welfare of man in this world and in the world to come. And, that you having laboured incessantly and unceasingly in this cause, rest assured that upon its completion, and being sent forth, thou shalt receive that blessing promised unto thee at the onset of thy labours. And, now therefore thou hast received our commands, and hast laboured diligently in their fulfilment, thou must declare to the world that Him whose commands thou hast fulfilled will also thoroughly fulfil every declaration He has commanded you to make known to the earth. Therefore, with these solemn declarations, which you must make known, that the world may prove their truthfulness, I now leave you with the blessings of Heaven upon thee and those whose labours shall be henceforth united in spreading these things to the people. And, ere you conclude this work, let the following lines be inserted : ”

I can assure my readers that I cannot find language to express the deep feelings of gratitude which I feel I owe to the Great Author of all wisdom and justice, and the Father of the great human family, at seeing the words which declare that my task is completed, so far as making public His divine decrees ; for the reader must be aware that writing and publishing eight specific works was a great undertaking, some of which are of a voluminous size and character, the subjects of which I was utterly ignorant, they being only revealed to me as the different works proceeded in their formation. Therefore, on learning from the angel Gabriel that my task is now completed, I felt relieved of an anxiety, the true nature of which I have not power to explain. While the angel Gabriel further assures me and the world that each work was decreed by Heaven to go forth to shew mankind the mysteries connected with the past, present, and future events. He

also confirms my assertions, by proving that I have laboured incessantly and unceasingly in the cause according to the instructions I had received, the particulars of which said instructions can be seen in the latter pages of the "Warning Message." He also graciously declares unto me that, having fulfilled the commands of the Most High in spreading these things to the people, I shall, upon their issue and circulation, receive that blessing promised unto me, by Heaven, at the onset of my labour, which will be seen also in the 'Warning Message,' where I have stated that I had partially lost my sight while serving my country in distant climes, which gradually became worse up to August 1853, though, as my worldly sight decreased *my spiritual sight became more clear*. And, when my future mission was revealed, prior to receiving any instructions for the compilation of these works, it was therein declared in these solemn words:—"That when the productions, which shall emanate through thee, have been circulated throughout every corner of the kingdom, the veil shall be torn from thine eyes, and thou shalt once more see thy fellow man face to face." But as this subject has been largely treated upon in the "Warning Message," I will not dwell longer upon it here, but merely recapitulate it for the purpose of showing to the reader what my feelings really were on learning this confirmation of so glorious a promise, given in the manner as contained in the above revelation. The angel Gabriel, in the same revelation also commands me to declare to the world, that, even as I have fulfilled the instructions which I have received in publishing these things to the world; even so, in like manner, will God fulfil all the events which are portrayed in the prophecies which are gone forth in the "Warning Message," the true nature of which is appalling and terrible to anticipate, and for a knowledge of which I must refer my readers to that important work.* With these instructions the angel Gabriel declares that he is commanded to leave me, with the blessings of heaven upon myself and those whose exertions will henceforth be united in the endeavours to make known the holy decrees of a just and merciful Almighty amongst the people of the

* London: Holyoake and Co.

earth, that they may prepare themselves for the great events which are now near at hand, and in which He has declared, through the highest celestial angel, that all earthly power shall be overthrown and trodden to the dust, and that, to fulfil His decrees, He will send upon the earth lightning as fire from Heaven which shall assist in the destruction of all places of worldly pride and vanity, while whirlwinds shall scatter devastation and destruction over the face of the ocean and the surface of the land, which, with the combination of war, pillage, and rapine, shall cause each kingdom to shake to its very foundation. When frost and famine shall complete the destruction of that which the fire, sword, wind, and waters have not had the power to reach. So that, when these terrible events shall manifest themselves, blessed will they be who listened unto the warnings which God, in His bountiful mercy and goodness, has diffused amongst His people; so that by adhering to His Divine counsels they may be numbered with His chosen, under whose banners they will experience the blessings and protection of their Divine Creator; and that instead of being terror-stricken and flying with awe and confusion to their own destruction, they will, by His Divine grace, be enabled to look with fortitude and resignation upon the terrible calamities which are hastening the events to a righteous conclusion, so that in the midst of these calamities His people will raise their hands and eyes to Heaven, and in one voice cry aloud.—“Just and righteous are Thy judgments, O Lord God Almighty, for having thus forewarned Thy people, so that we might flee from the wrath to come.” While those who have disregarded His timely warnings and have continued to revel in their own self will and disobedience, will be driven by confusion and despair to seek shelter and protection in the forests and thickets, or amongst the mountains, unable to find comfort, consolation, or repose. For they have scoffed at the Divine warnings Thou hast commanded to be spread amongst them, and have continued to oppress each other by every act of tyranny and cruelty, sacrificing the comforts and happiness of all other persons, for the gratification of their own ambition and self interest; the rich

depriving the poor of the comforts which God created for them, by which means the poor are compelled to deprive each other, until the whole human race exhibit a truthful picture of confusion, strife, and contention, the result of which is the enrichment and aggrandisement of one class, to the ignorance and degradation of the other, whose sufferings have continued from age to age, until their cries for help and succour have reached the ears of that God who has declared through His prophets that the hour of retribution is near, when His vengeance shall fall upon the earth. So that,

From East to the West all shall feel His displeasure,
His will and His power acknowledged shall be ;
His wrath and His vengeance shall fall without measure
On all who have scoffed at His holy decree.

The poem from which the above lines are extracted, shows to the world the true cause for which these calamities are sent upon the earth, and each successive revelation, as contained in the several works as before named, is plainly and truthfully corroborated in the warnings contained at the conclusion of each of the revelations in the present work. And, so far as time has permitted, the passing events and present aspects of the affairs of Europe are literally fulfilling every prediction which has been sent forth. And, when we see successive facts revealing themselves, and fulfilling the predictions which were sent forth, concerning them, years before, why should we cherish a single doubt as to the full realization of all the circumstances contained in each successive prophecy? For from the first to the last, their main features all point to the one great end, and as the angel Gabriel at the conclusion of his last revelation, addressed to me, showed some poetic lines which he commanded me to insert ere I concluded this work, I will here give them as they were revealed unto me, and show to the world how strange but truthfully they corroborate and confirm all the preceding revelations which have been sent forth. The lines are as follows :—

A SPIRITUAL POEM,

SHEWING THAT THE GREAT CHANGE IS NEAR AT HAND.

Let all who read each revelation,
 Sent from God upon the earth ;
 Study well their preservation,
 From the coming of His wrath.

Let them seek for consolation,
 Justice, mercy, truth and love ;
 These will bring all to salvation,
 In the blissful realms above.

Let all who oppress their neighbours,
 Learn that God is kind and just ;
 Will bless the righteous for their labours,
 As in Him they place their trust.

Wicked men must suffer sorrow,
 Vengeance falleth from the skies ;
 Lo ! the day may be to-morrow,
 Though another spring may rise.

Angels cannot tell the period,
 Still they know the time's at hand ;
 When all things which God hath declared,
 Shall descend upon the land.

Though all nations now may slumber,
 With their gaudy banners furled ;
 Their days of power God will number,
 Then the harvest of the world.

It will be seen by these beautiful and pathetic lines, which is the last appeal which God has commanded, through His celestial angel, to be made to the human race from His heavenly throne, that He exhorts all who may read these striking revelations to impress upon the minds of their fellow creatures to refrain from their evil acts, and listen to the warnings which His prophets have been commanded to diffuse amongst them.

So that in the days when troubles, strife, and confusion are rife, they may be preserved from sharing the terrors of His wrath, that while they have time, they may seek for consolation in wisdom, justice, and love towards each other, diffusing the knowledge to others which they themselves have received; so that men may refrain from oppressing their neighbours either in thought, word, or deed, but place their trust in God, and so ensure happiness in the world to come, and speedily pass through the spheres of progress to the eternal realms of bliss. And to shew that this change is necessary to be wrought in the hearts and minds of all men, by humble prayer and supplication, let us notice that portion of the poem which declares that vengeance shall fall from the skies and diffuse suffering and sorrow amongst the wicked and disobedient; and therefore, that they may at one retrace their steps of oppression and cruelty towards their neighbours, the angel Gabriel shows there is no time to lose, for the day when God's vengeance shall fall may be to-morrow. And, as each successive day is passing in rapid succession, all must be aware that the end draweth nigh, and though weeks, or months, may pass, and another spring may rise, yet the above poem gives us to understand that another spring will make manifest these terrible events. Still Gabriel confesses that even the angels who dwell around the eternal throne of God cannot tell the period when these things shall come to pass; though they are commanded to declare that the time is at hand, when every event foretold in the prophecies shall be literally fulfilled. How beautiful does the last verse of these celestial lines display the exact features or aspects of the affairs of the nations of Europe. For an observing glance, at the internal and external affairs of each nation, proves that they are as it were sleeping upon a volcano, which at any moment might involve and engulph all the European nations in strife and confusion. Still, their banners are furled, and the trumpet of peace is sounding in the ears of all men; while the din of war is yet marching, as it were, to the frontiers of that peaceful boundary to which all men look with joyful anticipation, but which none have, notwithstanding their rejoicings for peace, successfully reached, nor have they enjoyed one of the blessings for which

the blood and treasures of their countries have been sacrificed, nor could such be the case, or the Divine decrees which God has set forth could not have been fulfilled. For He declared through His angels that no earthly power should thwart His designs, though they would for a time impede the progress of events; still no comparative or permanent peace would be permitted to exist, though the people would not see their errors till too late, even though their diplomatic agents should be universally ridiculed, as their interests would be proved to be in the cause of Russia, and the four mightiest powers were declared should ultimately unite; while those who were then looked upon as our friends should become our greatest enemies. And now, let my readers read over the revelations on those important subjects, and watch the progress of events as they have passed, and the present aspect of affairs, and they will see with what terrible precision these solemn and celestial predictions have been fulfilled. For we now find that France, Austria, and Prussia have laid the foundation of their future alliance; while Austria still holds the principalities, pretending friendly alliance to England and France; her own energies being secretly concentrated in the cause of Russia, she only playing the part of hypocrite; so that when England believes she has no other friend she will prove the dastardly, cowardly, and treacherous machinations of their pretended friend, Austria. While the French nation is at this moment upon the eve of a convulsion, and its government has already poured contempt upon this nation, and the newspaper assertions at this very hour denote that the alliance is on the point of being severed, and whenever the two nations cease to be friends they will become the bitterest enemies, and thus prove the truthfulness of all the revelations which are gone forth on events up to the present time; while the future workings of a Divine Providence must fulfil the rest. In order that the reader may thoroughly understand all the events which are portrayed in the revelations which I have been commanded to issue, it is necessary that they should read over, and carefully study, each work separately as they have been issued, beginning with the "First Series," in which they will

see the cause for which the late war with Russia was brought about, together with the results which it must finally produce; the cause being the gross oppression of the teachers and rulers over their helpless people, who, through the doctrines and superstitious religious principles which are diffused amongst them, are kept in blind ignorance of what the Divine will of God towards them really is, through the circulation of a spurious complication of doctrines and creeds originating from the mistranslation and corruption of that sacred book, called the "Bible," which, in its present form, instead of instructing the people in the high road to happiness and salvation, becomes a cloak for every species of hypocrisy and deception, the particulars of which, with their errors, and the necessary instruction to find true happiness and consolation, may be learned by all seekers for Divine truths, in the "People's Guide," which shews the causes of the corruptions of the scriptures, and the melancholy results to the people which have resulted therefrom. After the "People's Guide," for the farther instruction of man, the "Warning Message" proves to the world the fallacy of that detestable and oppressive creed which threatens its ignorant followers with *eternal* damnation. For it is there clearly demonstrated that, although mankind must suffer purification from the deeds done in the flesh, that all, unconditionally, will ultimately reach eternal rest. While the revelations in the present work corroborate all previous assertions set forth by other spirits on this important subject. But, before concluding this pamphlet, I may here observe that the spirit of Swedenborg contradicts many assertions which I have heard from other persons who have professed to have held communication with his spirit. His spirit has positively declared to me, by command of the highest powers, that he has never been permitted to appear, or to answer any questions, with the exception of those which were answered through the medium of Judge Edmonds, in the compilation of his work, entitled "Spiritualism," and to myself upon the occasion of my receiving instructions for the compilation of this work. He also declares that, in consequence of Judge Edmonds

altering the revelations received from him, for the purpose of mystifying the facts which he was commanded to reveal, the gift was withheld from Judge Edmonds, and the mediumship taken from him. But the reader will here understand that the revelations herein contained, both from the spirits of Swedenborg and Smith, are in the exact words as they were revealed, confirmed, and sanctioned by the great angel Gabriel, who declares also that the missions of these spirits to the earth are now completed, and that no further revelations, as a warning to man, are, at present, necessary to be revealed. While I am instructed to declare to the world that whoever may feel desirous to seek for information on all matters of interest or importance, with true, just, and honourable intentions, for the promotion of the welfare and interest of mankind in general, and the glory of God, that I shall receive permission and instruction from on high to answer all such enquiries, so long as they may be in accordance with Divine will. I have now thus far completed my important task, in which I have received assistance from on high, without which my capabilities would have been greatly inadequate to the task; but thanks be to Him who has thus strengthened me and provided me with the necessary assistance, I, notwithstanding the scoffs, jeers, and opposition of those who have endeavoured to oppose me, have succeeded to the completion of the mightiest work which has ever been the lot of any one mortal man to perform. And when the signs, which are portrayed to precede the mighty events, shall manifest themselves, the world must acknowledge the truthfulness of the above assertions; at the same time assuring my readers that I take neither praise, credit, or self-respect to myself, and, being free from all ambitious motives, without any endeavour to attain a worldly name or aggrandisement, I give the praise to that God whose merciful goodness has seen fit to call so humble a creature to the fulfilment of so mighty a mission. Beseeching Him, at the same time, to inspire me with a true feeling of charity, brotherly love, and affection towards all mankind, that I, regardless to whatever country, colour, or creed they may belong, may remember

that all are God's creatures, equally beloved and provided for by Him, and that it is displeasing to Him that any of His creatures should suffer through the ambition and oppression of those who have self-exalted themselves in worldly power. And, trusting that my readers may pause ere they condemn or cast aside these important warnings, with my kindest wishes towards all men, I subscribe myself,

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The author and servant of the Most High.

N.B.--Although this is the last work commanded to be written, yet it is not the last published, as the "Warning Message," and the "Scriptural Magazine" are issued in successive parts; they are now in progress of publication; but the M.S.S. of these works have been long since completed.

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