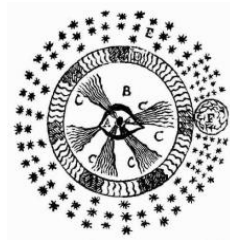

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In Christ Jesus,

Diane Guerrero, Editor

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The Editor to the Reader

[AR E:1] §.It is hoped that this little treatise, as well as the foregoing one (of which this is a continuation), will not give offence to any; but will afford matter of joy and comfort to very many, both in this and in several other nations to whom they shall come. Since it ought not to be supposed, but that as many as profess themselves to be baptized into the faith of JESUS, must be well enough satisfied to know what that faith is, from such as have been a long time experienced in it, who must be allowed certainly to be the most capable judges, in that which is not to be learned without a continual and unwearied application: or to be attained to, in the practice, by any low degrees of assiduity, or by the ordinary apprenticeship of a few years. And although some great depths of His love have already been publicly declared by this prepared Instrument of God, which not being apprehended seem but *foolishness* to the wise of the world, and a *stumbling-block* even to those who call themselves the Children of *Abraham*; these two treatises being more experimental, cannot but find a more favorable reception: if not from the former yet at least from the latter. However let it be as it will, it is not at all to be feared but that God will vindicate what is from Him: and all the promises in the Holy Scriptures being given to faith, it cannot but reasonably be expected that He will do right to one that is such an eminent asserter of it, in an age and day, of which it has been afore prophesied: *that faith shall hardly be found upon the earth.*

[AR E:2] §.Whether it be not now high time for God to put to His hand, and to manifest His sovereign authority, by all such ways and means as He has done of old, through the operation of His own faith, in all the great and mighty Elders of it: and to show *Himself on behalf of truth and goodness* (as an excellent person expresses it, who was never censured as I know of for an enthusiast), *which are so everywhere trampled on and despised, and to vindicate His own honor from all those affronts and contumelies, which stupid and disingenuous men, which rebellious spirits have cast upon it;* having made shipwreck of the faith that was delivered to them; deserves well to be considered and weighed by everyone. The consideration of which, as well as of the genuine sense of our blessed Master's Words, made this most judicious Author to conclude all Christians under a necessary and daily obligation, to ask of God that He would be pleased *to assert the supreme authority of His government amongst men; Whether it be by a FARTHER and CLEARER manifestation of His will, such as was made by our Lord and His Holy Spirit; or whether some ACTS of power be exerted for the protection and preservation of His obedient subjects, etc.*¹

[AR E:3] Thus it is apparent that every true Christian may, and ought to pray, both for new divine revelation, which may be of the same authority as that by Christ and His Apostles, and for miraculous acts and deeds, which may be a declaration of God's sovereignty and kingdom. Even so let thy kingdom come, O God of the whole Earth. Let it come even so, yea, Amen! Thou art King, let the earth rejoice: yea, let the Great Isles be glad thereof. *Thine is the Kingdom*, and thou wilt now take it to thyself; let the people be never so impatient, yea, let them be never so unbelieving. JEHOVAH reigneth; let the people tremble. He sitteth between the Cherubims; let the earth stagger. Great wilt thou be O Lord in *Sion*, and thy scepter shall be lifted up high above all the nations. The captives and prisoners of faith wilt thou set free, and thy salvation unto them wilt thou openly show, in the sight of

¹ Dr. [Hezekiah] Burton, *Of Seeking First the Kingdom of God*, published by J. Tillotson, 1684. p. 402.

the very infidels. Let the sea of thy love roar for joy, and the fullness thereof make a joyful noise; for that the Despised Ones who have believed thee, wilt thou bring with triumph into the glorious Ark which thou hast prepared for them. With trumpets and with the voice of a Psalm wilt thou bring them in: they shall clap their hands aloud, they shall praise thy great and awful Name. For thou, O Lord, art faithful and true, and canst not disappoint any that have faith in this thy Name.

[AR E:4] Therefore a fire shall go before you, and your messengers shall be sent forth as flames of fire. You shall speak unto them as in the Cloudy Pillar, and they shall be kept as in the Ark of your presence. *Samuel* shall be seen among thy prophets; and *Elijah* among those that call upon the Lord of *Israel*; *Moses* and *Aaron* among your priests, and great shall be the company of the preachers, to publish that our God lives, and that our life which was hidden in Him shall be made to appear with Him. Out of *Philadelphia* shall your Word go forth, and in *Ramath* of the prophets shall your voice be known. Upon Mount *Sion* shall they stand victoriously; they shall follow you there in your mighty deeds, and from the balmy mountain of *Gilead* shall the precious ointment distill. For in the Name of their God they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues. No weapon formed against them shall be able to prosper. They shall take up serpents. They shall drink any deadly thing, but nothing shall hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So shall they go forth, and preach everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with the signs that follow faith.

[AR E:5] §. Thus has my spirit been carried out, and constrained to bear this testimony to the subject here treated on, which is the resurrection of the faith of JESUS, that has lain for a long time as it were in the grave, and is now to be raised up early in the Third Day of the Holy Ghost. Let us watch, wait and pray, that we may be of the Firstfruits of those that are risen with Him; that so we may be admitted into Faith's Flying Ark here described, which will transport us into the *New Earth* of wonders, delivering us from the deluge of the curse, that is, from infidelity.

[AR E:6] §. When the great diary of this Author (or as much as can be recovered of it) shall come to be published, the several progresses of this life of faith, the various manuductions for it, and whatever else may conduce to its growth, will then more evidently appear: and all that which opposes the secret and hidden divine life will be more easily removed, and made to vanish, than can be till then. However to those that have been initiated into the mystery of it, enough is said: and it is not in the least doubted, but that they will see what is delivered both in the former, and in this treatise, to move upon a real, solid, and substantial bottom; such as all the powers of darkness shall never be able to shake, or the gates and strength of Hell to prevail against.

Heb. 11:7

*By Faith Noah being warned of God, prepared an ARK
to the saving of his House; by the which he condemned
the World, and became Heir of the Righteousness
which is by Faith.*

THE Ark of Faith

[AR 1] §. There is a cry that has gone forth from the heavens these several years past, for the preparing and building of an Ark for the Lord's Redeemed Ones. And as the natural term of my years seems to be expired, I am at this time again reminded of some former prophecies that were altogether forgotten by me. But the Spirit of Wisdom has now presented them to me afresh, telling me that they were in this day to be looked into, for faith to be revived, and prayer invigorated; that so the heavenly powers and constellations co-operating therewith, they might bring down the golden floods of Love to cover the Earth; that may bring up what has lain under the death, that is to say, a resurrection body of pure spirits in a new springing Paradise, which is the New Earth so much prophesied of, upon which righteousness must dwell.

[AR 2] §. For the signs of the superior heavens signify as much, that the time is very near at hand for the accomplishment of all these: for which end there was shown to me an Ark in the figure, but which was declared to me in the mystery to be no less than the substance of the whole Triune Deity, who would suddenly send forth Ambassadors from themselves, that are to be as the Firstfruits and representatives of the Bride, to gather in all such as were to make up the whole *Jerusalem-Bride*; whose habitation is prepared in Wisdom's wonderful Paradisical principle.

[AR 3] §. Therefore it was not long after I had received the first manifestation and figurative opening of Faith's Tree, from the Spirit of Faith growing up in me, before I had further notice given me of an ARK, into which Faith's Archers who had hit the mark, were to be received in. For in a little more than a year after that, I had this free communication with my Lord concerning it, which follows: And notwithstanding that the latter part of this has been lost amongst many of my other papers, yet I know this which has been preserved for that end by the all-wise Giver of it, will be of some service and use; and therefore have I been prevailed with to insert it here, though I am not able to recall either what went before or followed after it.

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[AR 4] §. Being upon my internal watch in the pure stillness of my mind, this Word came to me, saying: *The Ark of Faith* which the Lord has been these many years in raising and building, is yet not pursued, and as little understood, although warning upon warning, and sound upon sound have gone forth for preparing and building such an Ark, which may float upon the broad river of the Holy Ghost. I was touched at this saying of my Lord, as being conscious of how He had opened to me this effectual door and mystery of faith, charging me to keep to its rules. Upon this Word, I questioned whether I had kept up to so precisely, as I had received command to do; whereupon the Spirit prayed in me, Lord God Omnipotent, if I have been negligent, show it to me: with much more to that effect, in which my heart was enlarged to pray about it. Then was it in this wise revealed, and answered me: You have been learned and taught as another *Noah*, to prepare and build an Ark of Faith in this invisible world. Therefore slack not, but go forward, and I will strengthen the studs and stakes thereof, which shall be as stable as gold, that shall be laid in as a firm bottom. Further was it said to me, that there was one known by name, that should have of the same Spirit of Faith to concur and build with

me, and so we should be mutually made able to strengthen one another's hands, to carry on this great work, as male and female in one person, or spirit, to enter first this Golden Ark of the Presence when reared up; for which we should receive further advertisement as we should wait diligently hereupon.

[AR 5] §.Then it arose further in me by way of query, to propound some things relating to this fabric unto the Great Master and Builder hereof; who answered me most freely to whatever my Spirit was made to inquire. But the particulars of this matter being obliterated and passed away, the same Divine Spirit that was then present with me, and ready to dictate what was requisite by me to be known, has now (after many years) revealed, and brought again to my internal sight this Ark of Faith, in the ensuing manner; which I am commanded to declare and publish, for the information and encouragement of all those that seek to be redeemed from the earth, and would enter into this Ark.

FEBRUARY 18, 1696

[AR 6a] §.The Virgin Wisdom sounded a joyful cry, saying, Come and see what an Ark is prepared for them that are born into the faith, as mighty heroes to act the wonders of the New Creation; which Ark is made in my New Paradise, that has not yet been inhabited; whereupon great floods came down from the heavens as a golden rain; which covered the face of the mountains, as the waters did in *Noah's* time drown the old world: So that there was a mighty sea, which was called the Love-Sea. Yet did it not as yet universally cover the earth. Then after this did descend also this mighty Ark, in which was faith's great Conqueror *Christ Jesus*; with *Abraham, Noah*, and all the high Elders of the faith; which floated upon this sea.

[AR 6b] This Ark was all of a most diaphanous fine gold, with six wings on each side branching forth from it; so that it did fly as well as swim: which wings were full of eyes. Then was it said to me, What do you think this Ark is sent down for, but to take in and receive such as have looked for redemption, to be saved from the violence and curse of the old Earth, and from the malignancy and venom of the starry kingdom? A loud cry and call then came out of the Ark saying: Come, hasten and escape for your lives, for here is a shelter prepared for you, while those that do slight this call, and have not faith to fly away, must in another deluge be swallowed up, which will be as the waters in *Noah's* Day, falling down upon them from the starry firmament, while the Children of Wisdom's Kingdom, who have obeyed her voice, shall here be kept, having the wings of power, which I had before seen, given to them, that they might fly into this Ark. Whereinto some eminent in the faith were received with great acclamations, and embracements, and these that first entered had great longings to attract in others after them; which they waited here in hope to see.

FEBRUARY 19, 1696

[AR 7] §.Then the great Captain of the Ark of Faith, *Christ Jesus*, did steer the Ark, which with flying wings did swiftly pass, and landed us in the New Paradise. Where we were received by the Divine Magus's, and Masters of the Faith, who understood the mystery of all miraculous faith. This was a wonderful place, the like of which I had never seen, for the walks were all paved as with transparent gold, and several temples were here, in which these Elders in priestly robes all glittering did pay their homage to the great and mighty King, by whom they did work all their great works, and give existency to that which never had been. Then were we led out to view the pleasant trees and groves for delight and recreation: and the trees did seem to be as of pure gold, and the branches to be laden as with diamonds, and all the variety of precious stones. Besides which there were trees also laden with all sorts of precious fruits for food: and rivers with fountains flowing with spiced wine, and cups and flagons round about the fountain. So we were called to drink at these fountains, and to

eat of these fruits, being entertained by these Magi: to whose care by the great Shepherd of this Fold we were committed. Who were to usher us back to the Ark, to bring in others, and transport them here; which accordingly was done.

[AR 8] §.After which it was said to me, This Ark represents the Body of Faith, of which the Lord Christ is the Head, of whom the Church that is to be gathered into this is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. Then did it float and fly with great force, with outspread banners: and a mighty Angel that was in it sounded forth his trumpet: that all that would come out of the *Babylonish* Confusion should have admittance. At this alarm came divers in, the mighty Spirit of *Cyrus* resting upon some, the Spirit of *Elijah* upon others, of *Nehemiah* and *Zorobabel* upon a third sort, of *Gideon*, *Barak* and *Deborah* upon others of *Miriam*, *Huldah*, *Dorcus* and *Lydia* upon some; of *Titus* and *Onesimus* upon others, with the beloved *Mary*, *Martha* and *Hephzibah*, with numerous others, both males and females that were unknown, of this and other nations. For they flocked from the utmost parts of the earth as doves to the windows of this Ark, having heard the report of this good land, from those who had been sent there as spies to seek it out. And when thus the Ark was filled, it was by a Principal Angel sitting at this helm, steered to this Paradisical Land, where they were landed with a joyful greeting; and had all their tents here prepared for them; this being said to be the plantation for the Virgin *Philadelphian* Church, which has been described in former treatise.

[AR 9] §.And upon an inquiry made, whether all were now landed? It was by the Spirit of Wisdom, answered, No: For that the Ark was not to rest, but to fly and float for more to be gathered in, till the full body of the First Resurrection state was completed, and brought here, to put on their immortal robes, for the triumphant consummation of the marriage of the New *Jerusalem* Bride. This is a wonderful mystery, which in its fulfilling day will better be understood: for which we are to wait in great clarity of mind, and sanctity of heart, in pure and perfect dedication, and separation from all that is gross and vulgar. For that none else can have admittance into this Holy Ark, but such as are fully and wholly purified by faith.

FEBRUARY 20, 1696

[AR 10a] §.Here I thought to have stopped, as not knowing there should be any further addition from the Spirit of my Lord. But the next morning (*February 20th*) all was opened to me again, the Ark descending, and a commission given from the Lord to the Beloved *John*, to steer it, with some few names born into the Love, and practitioners of the high Mystery of Faith, who were here with him to abide, and as Heralds to proclaim the Love-Message, and to call in such as were willing upon the report made concerning this new-found Paradisical Land, to leave the Land of the Curse, and to wind themselves out of the Sensitive Principle, so as to be disciplined into the faith. So accordingly, as report was made by these Persons of what they had seen in this New Paradisical Country, the strength and power of Faith and Love did so manifestly appear, and give such a witness in those that were in this Ark, that they did attract many from all parts.

[AR 10b] And when the appointed number was fulfilled, the beloved Great Apostle spread out the Wings of the Ark, in which were fixed the piercing Eyes, that did see the way by which they were to move till they came to this goodly land; who then delivered up his charge to the Princess and Governess of this land. Who received all out here with an amiable reception, telling them this climate was of a transmuting property, which would put another kind of body upon them, that should be of such agility, purity, and clarity, as the old body should in all its infirmities be swallowed up into this. Then was there given a Roll, wherein there was written certain rules, which they are to act and be practi-

tioners in, as the Laws of this Kingdom, whereof the Kingly Shepherd Himself did give them a pattern, and said, You are to act and work, as myself have done and acted, as an obedient Son to the Father. What you have seen me do, that you are also to do, as followers of me: *for hitherto the Father worketh, and I work*, and you must be fellow workers with me, as risen with me: and so must all your works now be by faith of my operation in you. Then the roll was read to these that were now landed, as it had been to those that were before admitted to be inhabitants.

THE LAWS OF THE HIGH AND HOLY CALLING

*that are to be observed by those that are admitted
into this Paradisical Land*

[AR 11-1] §. These are the [seven] particulars of that holy calling, which all are in this place to profess. The *First* of these, is to learn of me (said JESUS); to be lowly and meek in Spirit, even as I am, being contented with no lesser degree. For this is the first fundamental qualification: for as much as my Lily grows only out of such a ground as is all leavened, and of an even temperature, neither too hot or cold, moist or dry; but found always in contrition and humility: from which exaltation to higher things will certainly arise.

[AR 11-2] The *Second* degree which you are to take from here, is to know how to understand the manual operation of the Hand of Faith, by which the goodly tent must be wrought for *Shem* and *Japheth* to dwell together in great and full enlargement. For through the exercise and nimble activity of this hand, all provisions necessary will be brought in for the Bridegroom and Bride to live upon.

[AR 11-3] A *Third* particular relating to your high calling is to attend and officiate in the Most Holy Inward Court, there to wait, and be at hand to receive evermore fresh command: as also to hear and learn what further is requisite to reach to the highest accomplishment towards nature's most perfect restoration.

[AR 11-4] The *Fourth* particular, or law, is to come to a putting forth of all the essential properties into activity, according to what you have seen, and been instructed in from the Father and me; stirring up the Gift that so it may not lie useless in you in any degree.

[AR 11-5a] You are not to think it sufficient that you have learned part of my calling; but you are in this place to learn all, even to the full unity, according to the example which I have set you. Therefore come, set your Hand of Faith to work and act, as I your Lord have done; who expects you should come up to those measures I have set before you. I am, and will be to you, the same flowing Source of Life-quickening Power, if called out, that I was when planted in your likeness. §. Behold! I am at hand to do as great and mighty works, as you are able to receive. So will I imprint not only the image of purity, but of power upon you; that so you may be made full-out partakers of my profession. Which does not only consist in love, meekness, gentleness, patience, wisdom, and soundness of judgment, but also in the faith of the omnipotency. For in my calling it is [not] only requisite to have light and understanding to find out the mystery of this high art, but strength and might to work out the same from the Eternal *Magia* Root; from which the Birth of Power proceeds.

[AR 11-5b] Now before you can herein be proficient and practitioners in all things answerable to your President, you must come to be strong, and find ability to turn about that which moves the Creating Word: by which all lost dominion may be renewed. But what can draw forth that, except it be somewhat that which is equal in might with itself; which will be found out if the will-spirit sinks deep into its own central root; from which the life sappy-power may spring, which will do miracles at

will. This was the principal work and business belonging to my calling, which on the Earth I did, and yet do appear again to walk, and to be admired through the raising again of this mighty power, which shall wonderfully work in all of you that have ceased now to live promiscuously in that low temporizing state, which I have called you out of: that so you might be capable of this worthy and honorable vocation; exactly in, and according to the method that I have shown to you: That so not only in the hopes circling about, but coming to the very manual exercises themselves, you may reap, and live upon the benefits which this pure abstracted calling shall and will abundantly bring in, and not only bare grain, that is for and to your own accounts; which the least in your eye must be.

[AR 11-6] For *Abel*-like you are to bring the firstfruits of this high extracted calling, to sacrifice all in a Flaming Oily Perfume unto your Great *Melchizedek*.

[AR 11-7] Further you are excited to feed upon no other fruits, but what the Tree of Faith gives forth. I am that Tree which you must feed upon; all other trees are forbidden, which cherish up the life of sensibility. Therefore fix your eye, and center your heart upon that which may nourish up this birth of faith, till it reach to its full maturity: then will it come to understand what sovereignty and dominion it is entitled to, as a King and Lord over all.

[AR 12] §.Then queried I with my Lord, *What was meant by those Trees which I had seen all laden with precious stones, and the trunks of them of such fine gold?* To which it was answered me, that those did run parallel with the *New Jerusalem*, representing the Bride of the Lamb that was thus to be adorned. For it was shown me, that these Trees were representative figures of those that were brought in to the Ark, and were landed; whose clothing was to be in such variety of sparkling glory, that from the Golden Sap of Faith should be always fresh and flourishing.

[AR 13] §.Then I queried further of Him that showed me these things, *Whether it were possible for mortals, whose dwelling was in this lower world, to know such a translation as this?* It was replied, There is no less a thing designed: the time and age for this is already come to some, that in the inward figure stand as representatives, who are in Spirit transported into this mystical land. But they must be in obscurity, till the Hand of Power shall rend away the Veil, that has been a covering upon this glory; but yet the faith is growing, and when it shall reach to a full Body of Strength, then you shall see the wonders fly from each of these bright lustrous Trees, which shall multiply numerously in the New Paradisical Earth.

[AR 14] §.It was then further said, To you that are attentive to my sayings, and shall be obedient to my rules, I will put no other burden upon you, but to hold fast the faith, that springs from the Golden Stem of Love; wherein your strength shall be as Anointed Cherubs still to move, your rest to find in me, where no annoyance can ever be. For this is a new time, in which the new world will appear: therefore spare not to declare and proclaim it. By this now let all understand, what a wonderful time is at the door.

[AR 15] §.Upon which my Spirit was carried to cry, O Mighty *Alpha* and *Omega*, Arise thou and, by thy great power and strength, gather into this Ark such as are to make up the First Resurrection-Body; to whom thou wilt be the Head, the Crown, the Joy and the Glory. Verily, this is the time in which thou wilt send forth thy Messengers that shall sound the Jubilee Horn, and pour out therefrom that rich Anointing Oil to consecrate a Priestly Race, that shall mind no other thing, but to pursue and follow after that which is highly divine. For which there is this Day great Travail: O God, let not the Lordly Birth, which is the King and Heir of Faith, any longer stick: let thy mighty arm and hand take hold of it, that no more drawings back there may be, but the Son of Joy and Laughter we may see.

For surely the Virgin Bride is preparing herself, in expectation that her Kingly Bridegroom will no longer stay, but make speed and come away; that all Redeemed from the Earth may be, that have waited in the Faith this Resurrection-State to see. And in this New World, do thou, O great Shepherd, plant us, as Trees of Righteousness and Glory, circling about thee, who the over-spreading Tree of Life, and splendidous Brightness art, under whose Shadow we shall grow most fruitfully.

[AR 16] §.Neither pray we alone for these Firstfruits, but that a plenteous new sowing of thy Spirit may go forth, to bring in the rest of the harvest, that lies yet as under death and barrenness. For thou hast said thy Ark shall not take up its Rest till it hath made its flight to all corners of the Earth. The Trumpet of thy Love shall send forth such a loud cry throughout all Nations, that constrained they may be, to fly as swift dromedaries, and bring their offerings into thy sacred Ark. Even so, Blessed JESUS, let all these prophecies be fulfilled, both what has been in past ages given, and has been of late so plentifully renewed, through them whom thou hast chosen for this end, though not worthy to be named, yet known by Name in thy Book of Life, which is sufficient: who shall never cease, or take up in any Rest, until thou hast made a glorious spotless Church upon the Earth to appear, as a Flying Ark with Banners, whose Eyes as Lamps of Fire may go forth, to gather in the whole Priestly and Heavenly Host, from all Quarters and Parts of the Earth. Even so, with thy triumphant Church,

*Shall we the song of our redemption sing
Glory, glory, glory to the Triune King.*

Even so: *Amen, Amen.*

FINIS.