Spirit's Day Studies

The Writings of Jane Lead

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Shake, shake your earthly dust away Now it's the Spirit's Day, that will admit of no delay. The Eight Worlds

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76) Pordage Letter: I read that a letter exists that John Pordage wrote to Jane Leade shortly before his death. Is there such a letter? If so, what became of it?

An excerpt from Pordage's Letter to Jane Lead appeared in Carl Jung's Psychology of the Transference. 1 It was transcribed and made available to the Jane Lead website by Wayne Kraus of Jacob Boehme Online. 2 In the letter Pordage describes the inward transforming process of the Spirit of Christ, using highly symbolic language, such as "Divine Tincture," "sacred liquor," etc., to represent this divine flow of life; the "navel" to represent its location (not physical location); and the "Philosopher's Stone" to represent this inward Birth of Christ—whose express mission is to change the base sinful nature, to the Divine Nature, as Promised by both the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3

77) The Gospel: In The Counterfeit Kingdom you state that the Gospel is simply "Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Yet many who believe in Jesus do not live the life of a true Christian. Numerous other Scriptures tell us what a true Christian believes; thus your "simple" Gospel is greatly lacking.

That statement was made to note the difference between the Gospel that is often preached today, and what the Gospel truly is in its most *basic* form. True Faith and Repentance work in the soul to "Open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, *that they may receive forgiveness of sins*, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith." Here is both the *criteria* and the *order* for true conversion—which is the design of the basic Gospel message:

- 1. The eyes must be opened
- 2. The soul must be turned from darkness to light
- 3. The soul must be turned away from the power of Satan to God
- 4. THEN—and only then—will the soul receive forgiveness of sin—
- 5. So that the soul may *ultimately* receive inheritance *through sanctification*

Points 1-4 represent the soul's conversion—which is the *beginning* of salvation. Point 5 leads to the *uttermost* salvation—which is the *end* of our salvation, and brings the soul into Paradise and beyond. This last point is the design and intend of Jane Lead's entire corpus.6

A newly converted soul may not yet know that Jesus is God. Nor does he understand the doctrines of the Atonement, or Justification, or Sanctification, etc. Yet if truly converted, he will learn and grow in this knowledge—if he *desires* to study to show himself approved unto God. But the one thing he is absolutely certain of is that *he is not what he used to be*. A change of heart and mind has taken place. This is true conversion! Therefore while it is not essential to believe all the foundational doctrines of Christianity in order to *become* saved; yet once converted, that soul will undoubtedly come to believe in all the teachings as established by Jesus and the Holy Scriptures.

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78) Eternal vs Everlasting Life: Did Jane see a difference between Eternal Life and Everlasting Life? The Bible mentions both, and most Christians believe they are one and the same.

In studying the Mysteries of God in the Holy Scriptures, rarely do we find synonyms, that is, words or terms that mean the *exact* same thing. For example, the New Testament has at least 15 mentions of "the Gospel" by *different* names. In general they all represent THE Gospel; yet the various names represent *different aspects* of the Gospel that are worthy of deeper investigation:

| Gospel of Christ (11 times) Gospel of your salvation (1x) Gospel of the Uncircumcis | ion (TX) |
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| Gospel of God (7x) Gospel of Jesus Christ (1x) Gospel of our Lord Jesus C | Christ (1x) |
| Gospel of the Kingdom (5x) Gospel of the Grace of God (1x) Glorious Gospel of the Ble | ssed God (1x) |
| Gospel of Paul (3x) Gospel of God's Son (1x) Glorious Gospel of Christ (| (1x) |
| Gospel of Peace (2x) Gospel of the Circumcision (1x) The Everlasting Gospel (1x) | x) |

With this in mind, the term "Everlasting Gospel" appears only once in the Holy Scriptures (KJV) and is the last or final "Gospel" that is preached to the world:

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people... (Rev 14:6)

Thus we observe that the Gospel of Everlasting Life has special application to the End-times, namely, the Millennium. We can gather the same by the words Jesus spoke to Peter in Luke 18:29-30:

Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Question: What is this "world to come" that Jesus spoke of, when a Christian will receive Everlasting Life? Answer: The Millennium. Therefore Everlasting Life must represent something unique and physical that happens to man's body of earth. For the Millennium will be an earthly reign. 10

Also, in comparing Eternal Life vs Everlasting Life, the reception of Eternal Life does not mean the Christian will live forever: for the spirit of man is *already* an eternal being and *cannot* die. When the outer *body* suffers death, the *spirit* returns to God who gave it.11 And while the Scripture says that we are born dead in trespasses and sin;12 yet the spirit itself is not dead: only our relationship with God is severed. Therefore to receive Eternal Life is to *regain* the *Life of the Eternal One*:13

- 1. Eternal Life represents salvation; Everlasting Life represents the *uttermost* salvation. 14
- 2. Eternal Life is the beginning of salvation; Everlasting Life is the *end* of our salvation. 15
- 3. Eternal Life involves man's spirit; Everlasting Life involves man's spirit, soul and body. 16
- 4. Eternal life applies to this Age and beyond. Everlasting Life applies to the Millennium. 17
- 5. To receive Eternal Life is to enter into participation *in type* with Christ's Death. Everlasting Life is the result of passing through Death and Hell, in fulfillment of the type. 18
- 6. Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ offers Eternal Life. Faith and obedience to God, through sanctification, offers Everlasting Life. 19
- 7. Eternal Life and Everlasting Life were both lost in Eden. Eternal Life *begins* the process that leads us back to Eden. Everlasting Life represents our *return* to the Garden.20
- 8. *Lastly*, to receive Eternal Life is to receive the Life of the Eternal One. To receive Everlasting Life is to have spirit, soul, and body wholly restored to their pre-fallen state.**21**

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79) Female Wisdom: Jane Lead believes in a female Wisdom. Nowhere in the Scriptures do we read that God's Wisdom is actually a woman! This sounds like the New Age Gaia religion.

Why God would refer to His Divine Wisdom in the feminine is truly a mystery. 22 For this concept is indeed present in several passages of the Holy Scriptures:

- Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: (Pro 1:20)
- She crieth in the chief place of concourse...in the city she uttereth her words... (Pro 1:21)
- Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? (Pro 8:1)
- She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. (Pro 8:2)
- She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. (Pro 8:3)
- Wisdom hath builded <u>her</u> house, <u>she</u> hath hewn out <u>her</u> seven pillars: (Pro 9:1)

Jesus also spoke of Wisdom as both a woman—and a mother.

But wisdom is justified of all her children. (Luk 7:35)

There's also the Apocryphal Wisdom of Solomon (Book of Wisdom) which devotes 116 verses to represent God's Wisdom as a woman.23 Some conjecture that this female portrayal was a primary reason for its removal from the King James Bible.24

Studies of Wisdom (called Theosophy25) in various religions (Hinduism, Judaism, etc.) also portray God's Wisdom as a woman. The ancient Greeks worshipped Athena as the goddess of Wisdom. Some Egyptian religions, as well as the goddess movement of the New Age, also revere a female deity. And there are others. It's interesting that the word "wisdom" in the Hebrew Bible is also grammatically feminine.26 However, this does not contradict the fact that although the God of the Bible is an invisible Spirit, yet He has chosen to revealed Himself to mankind in the masculine.27

As for Jane Lead's view of a feminine Wisdom, she addresses it throughout her writings, but specifically in Revelation of Revelations, stating paradoxically that, "Wisdom is neither male nor female, or if you had rather, which is both male and female, yet it universally takes a female appellation."28

In Chapter 15, in the mystical interpretation of *The Woman Clothed with the Sun*, she again describes Wisdom as a Virgin that is both male and female:

All which is to be restored by the Virgin, who is not limited to male or female; for she may assume either according to her good pleasure; For she is both male and female for angelical generation. (RR 15:3)

This feminine portrayal of Wisdom refers to the *conceptual* and *generative* side of God, and by default Eve-which was within Adam before she was taken out of him-and is to return to Adam once again. 29 And as the earthly Virgin Mary conceived and brought forth the man-child Jesus Christ, the Virgin-Wisdom of God is the spiritual (or mystical) woman that will bring forth many children who, through the Birth of Christ within the soul, will follow their Lord to resurrection and glory. 30

Adam, originally created in the Image of God, was to reproduce children who were also to bear God's Image. 31 But falling from that supreme image through sin, Adam now produces children after his own image.32 Therefore, to recover this lost image, God's Wisdom will move and grow within her children, to replenish the earth with souls that again possess the very Image of God. All of Eve's Generation of lost births will be recovered by the Godhead, through the Eternal Virgin-Wisdom.33 And as the Virgin Mary brought forth Christ after the flesh, Virgin-Wisdom will bring forth Christ after the Spirit.34 Therefore the true Virgin Church that Jane describes is made up of those who are under the direct apprehension of this recovery process, and are referred to as "Wisdom's Children."35

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80) SDS Abbreviations: Is there is some sort of index of abbreviations that you use like "2M 8," and "RR E:15," and "RL OG Pg 47?" I get confused at times on which writings they refer to.

A link to the <u>Spirit's Day Abbreviations</u> is on the first page of every study, and in the Notes and Scriptures header of the Q&A's (as of March 2025). The Index lists approximately 100 titles that I often refer to and also recommend. The two (or three) letters represent the title, followed by the chapter number (if any) and paragraph number. So, "2M 8" is *Second Message to the Philadelphian Society*, paragraph 8; and "RR E:15" is *Revelation of Revelations*, Epistle, paragraph 15.

"RL" is for her last book <u>The Resurrection of Life.</u>**36** Jane's original title is *The Resurrection of the Dead; The Royal Stamp and Sign which has been Imprinted upon those who have been Resurrected with Christ.* She referred to this work as "The Royal Stamp."**37** Dictated shortly before she died in 1704, it was translated into High German and published in Amsterdam in 1705. The original English version is no longer extant. In 2009, Pass the Word Services created a reverse-translation titled *Resurrection of Life.* The "OG Pg 47," etc., are PTW's page markers for the German version that they inserted into their electronic text. The Resurrection of Life is not available on the Jane Lead website.

81) Esoteric Writings: Jane's writings are highly intellectual and extremely esoteric. But Jesus said that to enter the Kingdom we are to become as little children. But children cannot possibly understand her writings!

Jesus, in answering His disciples as to who would be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, said that, **Except ye be converted**, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.38 The keyword is "converted." Jesus was not teaching them how *enter* into salvation. He was teaching them how to enter the coming *Kingdom of Christ*. To become a child means to lay down the voice of natural learning and self-reason which work against the things of the Spirit;39 and to submit entirely to the Living God: to live, eat, breathe only *what* He dispenses, *as* He dispenses.40 To approach Jane Lead's writings from any other ground will no doubt cause the soul to stumble—just as the Pharisees stumbled over God's *new revelations*,41 and as the Sadducees stumbled over the Holy Spirit and the Resurrection.42

Jane's writings are addressed to *Wisdom's Children*;43 who are *already* saved; who have subsequently been born of the Spirit;44 and who are being collected and gathered into the Divine Ark of God's Presence.45 Wisdom's Children have walked faithfully and obediently,46 observing all the *inward* and *outward* directions of their Lord, according to the degree of Light they have received.47 These Holy Ones have given to the poor, protected the widows and orphans, washed the saint's feet, and worshiped the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.48 And being found faithful in all these *elementary* things, the Lord has called them into *another school* of learning, a higher education, in which the Mystery of Redemption, and the deeper things of the Spirit will be opened for them.49

The Lord does not call everyone to these secrets; 50 but only those whom God chooses. The Disciples of Jesus received such a call. But the Lord did not call *all* His disciples to *every* Mystery or deeper instruction. All were present at the Feeding of the 5,000.51 All were given the interpretation of the Parables of the Kingdom. But only Peter, James, and John were present at the Transfiguration.52 Today most Christians observe from a distance, without any desire to approach the deeper things of God.53 But the Faithful Ones, who have *learned and obeyed* the *fundamental teachings* of the Lord, are *invited* to the school of deeper learning, to prepare them for the *inward* Kingdom that the Risen Christ will set up in their *hearts*, and to prepare them for the outward Kingdom when it arrives.54

Jane realized that to many her writings will seem abstruse, deep, and mystical; but doubted not that they will be understood by Wisdom's Children,55 those Holy Seekers who receive the Resurrection of Christ as a *birth* within. To seek to understand them from any other ground will prove fruitless, and can lead to incorrect and even dangerous conclusions—as is also true of the Holy Scriptures.56 †††

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NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the KJV. Unless otherwise noted all references are to the Spirit's Day Version (SDV). Index of Abbreviations.

- 1 Jung, C. G. (1966) The Psychology of the Transference (R. F. C. Hull, Trans.). In H. Read et al. (Eds.), The Collected Works of C. G. Jung: Vol. 16. Practice of Psychotherapy (2nd ed., pp. 163-323). Princeton University Press. (Original work published 1946.)
 - Spirit's Day does not endorse Jung or psychotherapy; but only mentions him in order to reference the Pordage's letter.
- **2** The *entire* letter was recently transcribed by another who also offered it to this website. It will become available once I fully review.
- **3** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...(2Pe 1:4)
- 4 Acts 20:21.
- 5 Acts 26:18.
- **6** Signs of the Times (ST P:3).
- 7 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Ti 2:15)
- 8 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Psa 51:17)
- **9** But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (Isa 66:2)
 - And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. (Exo 20:6)
- 10 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. (Rev 20:6)
- 11 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Ecc 12:7)

- 12 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (Eph 2:1)
- **13** See The Grounds and Reason for Christian Regeneration, or, the New Birth by William Law (1739).
- 14 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (Joh 3:15)
 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (Joh 3:16)
 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)
 - Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F 9:14); Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3 (3F 1:16);
- 15 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: (1Pe 1:9-10)
 - And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. (Joh 6:39)
 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Th 5:23)
 - Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3 (3F 18:8); Heavenly Cloud (HC 1:6).
- **16** Heavenly Cloud (HC 2:1,7); Revelation of Revelations (RR 40P:23).
- 17 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive

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- manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. (Luk 18:29-30)
- **18** Bromley, Thomas (1629-1691). Way to the Sabbath of Rest (WTS 12:9).

Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3 (3F 1:15)

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. (Rom 6:13)

As by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. (Rom 5:18)

- Likewise <u>reckon</u> ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 6:11)
- **19** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Act 20:21)
 - He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (Rev 21:7)
- **20** Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2 (2F 8:11); Glory of Sharon (GL 22); Revelation of Revelations (RR 17:21).
- 21 The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Th 5:23)
- 22 Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. (Luk 8:10)
 - Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the **mysteries** of God. (1Co 4:1)
- **23** *Wisdom of Solomon* (6:1-11:1)
- 24 "The apocrypha is a selection of books which were published in the original 1611 King James Bible...positioned between the Old and New Testament...The apocrypha was a part of the KJV for 274 years until being removed in 1885 A.D." (King James Bible Online, Apocrypha Introduction.)

- Table of Contents for the 1769 Oxford Edition shows the Apocrypha. Concern over a potential return to Roman Catholicism and "Mary worship" may have contributed to its removal—especially the Wisdom of Solomon which has several chapters that portray God's Wisdom as a woman. It's ironic how the "letter-guardians" of the Church vehemently oppose any "new revelation" as something "added" to the Scriptures—yet say little to nothing about the books that were removed from the Bible.
- **25** Not to be confused with the Theosophical Society, founded by occultress Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.
- **26** chokmôth, a feminine noun. Strongs H2454.
- 27 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (Joh 4:24)

 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: (Col 1:15)
- **28** Revelation of Revelations (RR Q:11,12).
- **29** *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 15:3).
- **30** It became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Heb 2:10)
- **31** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen 1:27)
- **32** And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image...(Gen 5:3)
- **33** *Enochian Walks with God* (EN 5:16).
- **34** *60 Propositions* (60P 17).
- 35 Fountain of Gardens Vol. 1 (1F 3:13); Eight Worlds (EW 1:17a); Enochian Walks with God (EN 5:18); Fountain of Gardens Vol. 2 (2F P:4); First Message to the Philadelphian Society (1M 12).
- **36** Copyright 2009, Pass the Word Services.
- **37** Sperle, Joanne Magnani. (1985). *God's Healing Angel: A Biography of Jane Ward Lead*, p. 40. Unpublished thesis, Kent State University.
- 38 Mat. 18:3.

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- 39 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:14)
- 40 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; (Act 17:28)
- 41 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (Joh 8:47)

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? (Joh 5:46-47)

If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. (Luk 19:42)

- 42 Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection...(Luk 20:27)
- **43** Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1 (1F P:18).
- 44 Eight Worlds (EW 17c).
- **45** See *Ark of Faith*.
- 46 He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Phi 2:8)
- 47 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (Isa 60:1)

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2Co 4:6)

- 48 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. (Mar 12:30)
- 49 But as it is written, Eve hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (1Co 2:9-10)
- **50** The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. (Psa 25:14)

- 51 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. (Mar 6:44)
- 52 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. (Mar 9:2)
- 53 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them...(Act 5:13)

Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. (Luk 8:10)

54 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (Rev 21:7)

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. (Rev 20:6)

See Heavenly Cloud and Revelation of Reve-

- **55** Revelation of Revelations (RR E:16).
- **56** Example: False teachers, false prophets, false ministers, false apostles, and cult leaders, etc., that use the Bible as cloak for their darkened souls and errant teachings.

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