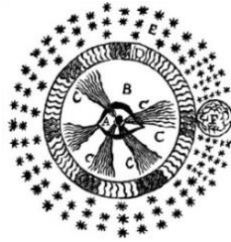

Spirit's Day Studies

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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Q & A

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- 82) **JL Authorship:** Is it true that Jane Lead DID NOT write *The Sixty Propositions*¹ that has been credited to her? Am hearing that it was not actually written by her, but that members of the Philadelphian Society put it together based on her ideas, and then published it in their *Theosophical Transactions*² in 1697.

This error has been transmitted through various forms, including academic papers, podcasts, etc. To clear up this confusion, it is important to note that by age 70 (1694), Jane Lead was totally blind.³ [The Heavenly Cloud Now Breaking](#) (pub. 1681) was the last treatise that was written by her own hand.⁴ Consequently everything after *Heavenly Cloud* had to be dictated to her close friends and associates of the [Philadelphian Society](#). Two Society members, Francis Lee and Richard Roach, were largely responsible for arranging, transcribing, and publishing her writings.⁵ Prior to his death, John Portage (d. 1681) also contributed toward preserving and arranging many of Jane's scattered slips of paper where she wrote down her revelations as they occurred, often daily.⁶

It's not surprising that her critics seek to discredit her authorship. Lead's blindness and womanhood made her a target for skeptics in her time; and the Philadelphian Society often had to come to her defense.⁷ Henry Dodwell, an English theologian and contemporary, was perhaps Jane's harshest critic. In a letter to Francis Lee, Dodwell suggested that Jane's writings were instead the products of her friend Mr. Portage.⁸ Although Dodwell was not entirely averse to them, he could not accept that a 17th Century Englishwoman could write such elevated material on such profound subjects:

It consists of Latin terms, of terms of art, of the old Platonic mystical divinity, of all the modern enthusiasts of Jacob Behme,⁹ of the judicial astrologers, of the magic oracles, of all the alchemists...I very much doubt whether she would be able to give an account of the terms used in the writings which go under her name, if she were critically examined concerning them.¹⁰

The 60 Propositions is simply a concise view (outline) of Jane Lead's eschatology pertaining to the inauguration of Christ's Kingdom on Earth. An examination of [First Message to the Philadelphian Society](#) reveals that the first seven Propositions alone were extracted from a single paragraph (1M 1):

A voice from out of the Throne of the Majesty on High thus cried, saying, Unseal the Living Testimony, wherein new and fresh things (P6) will be revealed. For in as much as there are holy seekers and loving inquirers, so accordingly my Spirit (P2,5) is at hand, to open seal after seal (P4,7), till the whole mystery(P3) of a total and full redemption shall be understood.(P1)

To counter the confusion surrounding Jane's authorship, Spirit's Day created *The 60 Propositions Expanded*,¹¹ which lists each Proposition, along with the associated text from which each Proposition was extracted. This Expanded Version demonstrates that with only a few exceptions, the Propositions were copied verbatim from Jane's other writings, primarily her First Message to the Society.

Without question Jane Lead is the Author of *The 60 Propositions*. And while it is correct to say that the members of the Philadelphian Society extracted them *directly* from her writings, it is more correct to say that were written by Jane herself, who also gave the final approval for their publication.

- 83) **Small Groups:** Leland Earls was given a prophecy (“The Woman in the Wilderness”), that during a time of great tribulation on the earth, God’s people (presumably True Believers caught in the “system”) will have to meet in small groups because the “religious voice” would persecute those who deviate from set standards.

Christians at present are not necessarily leaving their churches because they don’t meet set standards (unless they’re in a cult), as much as they can’t bear the carnality amongst believers, the worldliness of the worship services, and absence of the True Anointing from the pulpits. And as for true believers meeting in small groups, that’s already happening, and has been for decades. The Church in general is already apostate and is in fellowship with the world. This is irrefutable. It’s also Bible prophecy.¹²

Having never studied Leland Earls, I can’t comment on what he wrote. But indeed some in the Church system already advance the notion of a “religious spirit,” which is a derogatory euphemism for a legalistic (Pharisaic) attitude and approach toward the Holy Scriptures in general, and the Christian life in particular. Promoters of this view consider the religious spirit to represent Christians who adhere to a “strict” obedience to the Lord and the Word of God, and therefore cause division in the Church. Quite often it’s the true and sincere Christians, who love the Lord, who see that worldliness and carnality has overrun their assemblies, who dare to point out these errors, that are accused of having a “religious spirit.”

- 84) **Flaming Eye:** The symbol you use on your stationary and correspondence: Aren’t you concerned that many may view Jane Lead’s drawing as representing something occultic, as in the New Age Eye, the Eye of Horus of Egyptian mythology, the All-Seeing Eye on the US dollar bill, and the Third Eye of Shiva in Hinduism, etc.?

The symbol of an All-Seeing Eye, in one form or another, has been used throughout the world for millennia. It is currently found as government symbols in Belarus, the Equator, Lithuania, Nigeria, and many more countries. And as you mentioned, it is also found in various religions, pagan and otherwise, and in secret societies such as Freemasonry, as well as college fraternities.

In Christianity it’s called the Eye of Providence. The allusion to the omniscience of the “eyes of God” is found throughout the Holy Scriptures. Deuteronomy 11:12 tell us: **The Eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon thee.** 2Chronicles 16:9: **The Eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole Earth.** Job 34:12: **His eyes are upon the ways of man, and seeth all his goings.** Proverbs 5:21: **The ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.** Again Proverbs 15:3: **The Eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.** Thus we see that the symbolism, the imagery, and the concept of God’s “Eye” is unmistakably found in the Sacred Word.

Question: Should optometrists remove the eye from their logo or stationary because it’s occultic, or used in pagan religions? Should the architect or draftsman never draw a pyramid? Is the Christian forbidden to take the symbol of a cross because it can be traced to the ancient religions of Egypt, Babylon, and Phoenicia—long before Christ was crucified? Or the Dove, because it represented the goddess Ishtar in ancient Mesopotamia? Or the Rainbow, because it represented the goddess Isis of Greek mythology? Is the Christian forbidden to use the image of a Rainbow because certain groups have taken it as their banner? So no, I’m not concerned about how others view Jane’s *Flaming Eye*: For it represents the image *by which* God chose to reveal Himself *to her*.

Therefore for me, the question is not whether Jane obtained the image from the occult; but rather: *Where did the occult get their ideas for their symbols?* In this age of avatars, logos, and icons, society is permeated with so many different images: some good, some bad. Granted certain symbols are specifically designed to represent the evil, the occult, and Dark World (Baphomet, Satan, Swastika, etc.), and should therefore be avoided. But whether it’s an eye, a pyramid, or even a cross, to view an image as occultic simply because of its association with an occult group can be a bit myopic. (I hope to delve into the symbolism of Jane’s Flaming Eye in the next Q&A.)

85) **Wesleyan Sanctification:** How do you understand spiritual experiences in terms of Wesley's sanctification? Is it the same as the process Jane Lead describes?

John Wesley (1703-1791) was an English theologian and founder of the Methodist Movement in the Church of England. Methodism emphasizes holiness and personal obedience in the life of a Christian. Wesleyan Sanctification teaches *total* sanctification as an *instantaneous* event through a *Baptism* with the Holy Spirit, or, what they call a "Second Blessing."¹³

Having studied this teaching many years ago, and after reading near 100 testimonies, I do not doubt that the professors of this blessing received something *new* or *added* to their Christian experience. And their emphasis on holiness through obedience is to be acknowledged and applauded in today's Christendom that is tragically lukewarm at best, and thoroughly apostate at worst. However, Wesleyan Sanctification was not always permanent, and the blessing could be lost, either through disobedience or carelessness. This is the testimony of the recipients themselves; and they agonized over their loss, and did all they could to regain the former blessing. Yes they were still saved, and they remained saved; but the special intimacy they had with their Lord had waned. That "something added" was no longer present. And any joy they possessed over the blessing was gone.

"Instant" sanctification and perfection is contradictory to the design of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit—as presented in the Bible.¹⁴ It also differs from the *Last Days* Baptism that was revealed to Mrs. Lead.¹⁵ And while the Wesleyan Second Blessing may have indeed been a true *visit* by the Holy Spirit, yet it may have only represented the *beginning* of the inward sanctified life—rather than the completed process. It is also possible that what they received is the blessing as relating to the *Church Age*, and not the *Kingdom Age*—which is indeed different, as was also revealed to Jane Lead,¹⁶ and in the Holy Scriptures as well.¹⁷

Again, Wesleyan Sanctification is perhaps the soul's *introduction* to Life in the Spirit rather than true "sinless perfection" (as they call it). Both the Bible and Jane Lead teach that sanctification is a gradual process that may take years—even a lifetime to complete.¹⁸

86) **Valentinus:** How do you respond to those who say that Jane Lead got her ideas from the gnostic Valentinus?

First: Valentinus (c.100 – c.180 AD) was a second century Egyptian gnostic who founded a theological school in Rome. Gnosticism teaches that understanding of the divine can be acquired through knowledge, or *gnosis*.¹⁹ Jane Lead's writings are in direct opposition and contradiction to Gnosticism. Throughout her writings she testifies that the knowledge of the Holy can only be attained or acquired through the direct involvement of Spirit of God and the Holy Scriptures.

Second: Only a few fragments of Valentinus' original writings remain. His followers ([Valentinians](#)) are responsible for the doctrines that today make up Valentinian Gnosticism. Thus it isn't clear what Valentinus himself actually wrote or taught. As I understand it, even [Irenaeus](#), the second century Greek apologist, who wrote an exhaustive treatise against Gnosticism, and especially Valentinus, was unable to present a comprehensive view of Valentinian theology.²⁰ Yet today an entire theological school is built upon—not Valentinus himself—but upon his ideas as interpreted, expressed, and supplemented by his followers.²¹ Even so, Jane Lead was no gnostic; she lived and breathed in the Holy Spirit, through which she was taught by the Lord Himself.

Third: To say that she got her ideas from, or was *influenced by*, Valentinus and Gnosticism is to wholly disregard her own written testimony: That she received her revelations directly from the Tri-une God,²² the Alpha and Omega,²³ the Lamb of God,²⁴ the Lord Jesus Christ,²⁵ and God's Divine Wisdom²⁶—by and through the Holy Spirit.²⁷ In addition, I am not aware of *any* historical evidence of *any* connection between Jane Lead and Valentinus. Neither is there any mention of Valentinus or Gnosticism in her writings. I fear some may be trying to make a connection where there is none.

87) **Alpha & Omega: What was Jane Lead's understanding of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega?**

Alpha and *Omega* are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Jesus gives the definition:

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Rev 1:8)

I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last... (Rev 1:11)

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. (Rev 22:13)

So according to the Scriptures, and by His own interpretation, Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. We know that Jesus is the First and the Last Adam; for He was *in* the First Adam before the Fall. And His coming as the Second Adam was to reverse the Curse, and to place Himself back *into* man. But in considering the Lord as the Beginning and End, the Question: *What is He the Beginning and the End of?* Some say “mankind” or “the world” But to suggest there will be an end to either does not agree with the Holy Scriptures; for man was created perfect, and was to live in that perfect state “forever;” and this Earth is was to be his habitation.**28**

Some points about *Alpha* and *Omega*, mainly from the *Revelation of Revelations*:

1. The Alpha and Omega is the one who opens the Seven Seals (RR P:3).
2. The Kingdom was designed by the *Alpha* and *Omega* for His *Virgin-Bride*, before Paradise or this world were (RR 3:4).
3. It is the Alpha and Omega who takes a Bride (RR 3:4).
4. The Everlasting Kingdom is the Kingdom of the Alpha and Omega (RR 6:1).
5. The Everlasting Kingdom of the *Alpha* and *Omega* begins in that soul where the *Sixth Trumpet* shall sound (RR 6:1).
6. All sinful properties will be drowned in the Alpha and Omega (RR 11:3).
7. The Alpha and Omega is the beginning and the end of TIME (RR 11:3).
8. It is the Alpha and Omega that will take up the Slain Witnesses (RR 12:2).
9. The Alpha and Omega is the Eternal Word of Wisdom (RR 15:5).
10. The Name Alpha and Omega is to be written upon the Elect (1F 6:20).
11. The Alpha and Omega will judge and put an end to all flesh (1F 11:16).
12. Alpha and Omega is the New Name that is written upon the White Stone (Rev. 2:17; 2F 22:3)
13. There is a direct reference between the *Flaming Eye* and the Alpha and Omega (EG 35a).
14. Jesus is the Alpha, not only of the human race, but also of the angelical (EG 29b).
15. Jesus is also the Omega, in their restoration and consummation. (EG 29b).

The Alpha and Omega is not simply a poetic way of saying that God is eternal, or that He has no beginning or end—because Jesus clearly states that HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END. Jesus is the Beginning (Alpha) and the End (Omega) of “TIME” as we know it. For everything God created, and all that man is and is yet to be, is to be accomplished within this mysterious fourth dimension we call “time.” And in Jane Lead's writings (with the exception of the Still Eternity) the World, the planets, the galaxies, the Angels, man—and even the regions of the dead—are all within the confines of “time.” But in the Still Eternity there is no “time.” Time began, not at the creation of man, but on the very first day of the creation itself: For, in the BEGINNING God created the Heavens and the Earth.

88) **Principal Shepherds:** Jane Lead wrote that we are to expect 7 (or 8) Principal Shepherds who will appear on the scene just before the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth. What do we know about them?

These 7 or 8 Principal Shepherds are found in several places throughout Jane's writings, and she gives them various titles: Principal Persons, Principal Agents, Principal Worthies, Principal Magia, Principal Pillars, etc. Correct understanding of this unique group is essential in order to rightly divide between what was revealed to Jane, and what is presently being promoted as "The Kingdom of God on Earth" by misinformed and misguided Christians.²⁹

In the [60 Propositions](#), #35-37, we learn that they will appear just before the establishment of the Kingdom of God; that they will be the *beginning* of the Mount Sion Church, that is to be gathered from out of all Churches worldwide.³⁰ They are predestinated³¹ to appear and operate under the direct Anointing and influence of the *Elias-Spirit*,³² which is to prepare God's people for the Lord's return to Earth *after* His Solemn Wedding to His Bridal Church-Triumphant.³³ In addition:

1. These Principal Shepherds are Chosen (Elected) by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. (1M 20c)
2. They are chosen from among those who are presently in the School of God's Wisdom, having suffered many things in compliance with their Pattern Jesus Christ. (AS P:1; 2Tim. 2:12; GC 9:134)
3. They will be the first (*after* Jesus) to complete their own Mystical Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Glorification. That is, they are, along with their Head Jesus, the *first of the Firstfruits* that are risen from the dead. (1F P:6; 60P 37, 58)
4. As the Firstfruits of a New Generation, their mission is to assist their younger brethren who are also on this path, that they, too, may secure their *inheritance*. (1M 20c)
5. Their mission is to gather in the full number of the Firstborn Firstfruits, which are the 144,000 that are also known as the Melchizedek Priesthood. (60P 31)
6. None can take this title or mission upon themselves. One cannot *feel* called, *believe* they are called, or *think* they are called. It is by direct appointment by the Lord Himself. (60P 58)
7. These Principal Persons may include both male and female. (AS 39b; AR 8; 2F 15:11)
8. These Principal Agents will possess the Spirit of Revelation. (EN 5:2)
9. They will speak the pure and most excellent words of Wisdom. (EN 5:2)
10. They will have a teaching ministry. (EN 5:2)
11. They will proclaim (publish) the Everlasting Gospel. (2M 9)
12. They will proclaim the Acceptable Time and Year for all to be brought in. (2M 9)
13. Their Gospel will reach both the living and the dead who are of the New Born Church. (2M 9)
14. They will be furnished and replenished with the 7-fold powers of the Holy Ghost. (AL 28b)
15. They will lead faithful souls into the First Resurrection. (2M 9)

It is correct to assume that these Principal Persons have received the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ, or *Birth of Life*—which alone is able to not only destroy their inward Body of Sin, but to equip them for their auspicious assignment. The *inward* Spirit-led life begins at the reception of the *Promise of the Father*, as a *Birth of Life and Love* in the soul, which alone can qualify one for this Principal position. For they are under assignment by the Lord Jesus Himself, to perform greater works than He Himself performed during His earthly ministry:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (Joh 14:12)

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It is my opinion that these Principal Agents *have not* yet made any kind of *outward* or *visible* appearance in this world. It is also my view that when these Agents do appear, they will most certainly be counterfeited by the Enemy. Thus it is *crucial* for the Holy Seeker and Loving Inquirer to understand that UNTIL these Principal Shepherds appear ON THE SCENE, it cannot be said that the *prelude* to the Kingdom has yet begun. And while some may brazenly claim this position for themselves, yet without the inward and outward mystical qualifications, those counterfeits will most certainly be identified as impostors—by the Holy Seekers and Loving Inquirers. And while the false ones may for a time fool themselves, the world, and even true Christians, yet they will ultimately be exposed as messengers of the Enemy: for Satan will have his own “firstborn” as well. 34 †††

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

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

- 1 [The 60 Propositions \(SDV.\)](#)
- 2 **Not to be confused with the Theosophical Transactions of occultress Helena Blavatsky of the modern Theosophical Society.**
- 3 Some sources say age 71.
- 4 Hirst, Julie. (2005). *Jane Leade: Biography of a Seventh-Century Mystic*, p. 30. Ashgate.

Revelation of Revelations, published in 1683, is sometimes viewed as written after Heavenly Cloud, but was actually written between October 1679 and January 1680.
- 5 Sperle, Joanne Magnani. (1985). *God's Healing Angel: A Biography of Jane Ward Lead*, p. 5. Unpublished thesis, Kent State University.
- 6 Sperle, p. 90.
- 7 Hirst, p. 30.
- 8 Sperle, p. 89.
- 9 Jacob Boehme.
- 10 Sperle, p. 89. Quoting Christopher Walton's *Notes and Materials* p. 80.
- 11 *60 Propositions Expanded* is in progress and will soon be available on the website.
- 12 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; (2Th 2:3)

Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be

hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (Mat 24:4-11)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2Ti 3:1-5)

- 13 [Wesleyan Sanctification](#). GotQuestions.org.
- 14 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. (2Pe 3:18)

Also, the entire 1st Epistle to the Corinthians.
- 15 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 1:2).
- 16 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 1:2); *Alarm to the Lamb's Holy Warriors* (AL 27a); *The Eight Worlds* (EW 2:13); *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M P:4).
- 17 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Heb 9:28)
- 18 [Sanctification](#). GotQuestions.org.

Enochian Walks with God. (EN 4:1); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 2:22); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 3, Pt2* (7/10/1679, par. 3).
- 19 [Gnosticism at Compelling Truth](#).
- 20 ["Against Heresies"](#)

21 [Valentinianism](#)

22 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR 31:6).

23 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 9:9, 22:1); *Revelation of Revelations* (RR P:3); *Third Message to Philadelphian Society* (3M 25); *Everlasting Gospel* (EG 24c); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 6:20); *Living Funeral Testimony* (LF 68a).

24 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 4* (4F, 5/1/1679); *Enochian Walks with God* EN 6:11); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 27:13).

25 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 4* (4F, 7/19/1679); *Ark of Faith* (AR 11-1).

26 *Second Message to the Philadelphian Society* (2M 2a); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol 4* (4F 3/15/1679); *Laws of Paradise* (LA P:1); *Ascent to the Mount of Vision* (AS 17); *Eight Worlds* (EW 2:2a).

27 *Enochian Walks with God* (EN 2:20); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 16:13, 17).

28 See Q&A, March 2025, #78, that addresses the question of “forever.”

29 [New Apostolic Reformation](#). GotQuestons.org.

30 *Third Message to the Philadelphian Society* (3M 1).

31 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 20:2); *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 11:6).

32 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 1* (1F 20:2).

33 *Fountain of Gardens, Vol. 2* (2F 11:4)

34 *Revelation of Revelations* (RR Q:10a)