The ESSENE GOSPEL OF PEACE

BOOK THREE

Lost Scrolls of the Essene Brotherhood

The Original Hebrew and Aramaic Texts
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Now we have proudly separated ourselves from Nature, and the spirit of Pan is dead. Men's souls are scattered beyond the hope of unity, and the sword of formal creeds sharply separates them everywhere. To live in harmony with the Universe made life the performance of a majestic ceremony; to live against it was to creep aside into a cul de sac. Yet, even now, whispers of change are stealing over the face of the world once more. Like another vast dream beginning, man's consciousness is slowly spreading outwards once again. Some voice from the long ago is divinely trumpeting across our little globe. To that voice, I dedicate this book.
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PREFACE

This third book of the Essene Gospel of Peace is a collection of texts of great spiritual, literary, philosophical and poetical value, created by two powerful, interwoven streams of tradition.

Chronologically, the first is the stream of traditions to which the Hebrew people were exposed in the Babylonian prison, dating from the Gilgamesh Epics to the Zend Avesta of Zarathustra. The second is the stream of traditions flowing with poetical majesty through the Old and New Testaments, dating from the ageless Enoch and the other Patriarchs, through the Prophets and on to the mysterious Essene Brotherhood.

In the buried library of the Essene Brotherhood at the Dead Sea, where the greatest number of scrolls were found, the texts of these two streams of traditions were very much interwoven. They follow each other in a strange succession: the powerful cubistic simplicity of the first juxtaposed with the majestic, expressionist poetry of the second.

The original texts of this collection may be classified into three approximate groups: about seventy percent of them are completely different from the ancient Sacred Books of the Avestas and the Old and New Testaments; twenty percent are similar, and ten percent are identical.

My desire in presenting this collection was to abstain from dry philological and exegetical interpretations, and instead to concentrate on their spiritual and poetical values, more attractive to twentieth century man. I tried to follow the style of my French translation of the first book of the Essene Gospel of Peace, which has now been published in seventeen languages, and has been distributed in over 200,000 copies.*

I hope this Book Three will be as successful as Book One, and thus continue to bring these ageless inspirations to our disoriented century, guiding us, per secula seculorum, toward greater and greater light.

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*As of this printing in 1986, Book One of The Essene Gospel of Peace has been published in twenty-five languages, and distributed in over one million copies.

INTRODUCTION

From the remote ages of antiquity a remarkable teaching has existed which is universal in its application and ageless in its wisdom. Fragments of it are found in Sumerian hieroglyphs and on tiles and stones dating back some eight or ten thousand years. Some of the symbols, such as for the sun, moon, air, water and other natural forces, are from an even earlier age preceding the cataclysm that ended the Pleistocene period. How many thousands of years previous to that the teaching existed is unknown.

To study and practice this teaching is to reawaken within the heart of every man an intuitive knowledge that can solve his individual problems and the problems of the world.

Traces of the teaching have appeared in almost every country and religion. Its fundamental principles were taught in ancient Persia, Egypt, India, Tibet, China, Palestine, Greece and many other countries. But it has been transmitted in its most pure form by the Essenes, that mysterious brotherhood which lived during the last two or three centuries B.C. and the first century of the Christian era at the Dead Sea in Palestine and at Lake Mareotis in Egypt. In Palestine and Syria the members of the brotherhood were known as Essenes and in Egypt as Therapeutae, or healers.

The esoteric part of their teaching is given in the Tree of Life, the Essene Communions with the Angels, and the Sevenfold Peace, among others. The exoteric or outer teaching appears in Book One of "The Essene Gospel of Peace" and the recently discovered Dead Sea Scrolls.

The origin of the brotherhood is said to be unknown, and the derivation of the name is uncertain. Some believe it comes from Esnoch, or Enoch, and claim him to be their founder, their Communions with the angelic world having first been given to him.

Others consider the name comes from Esrael, the elects of the people to whom Moses brought forth the Communions at Mount Sinai where they were revealed to him by the angelic world.

But whatever their origin, it is certain that the Essenes existed for a very long time as a brotherhood, perhaps under other names in other lands.The teaching appears in the Zend Avesta of Zarathustra, who translated it into a way of life that was followed for thousands of years. it contains the fundamental concepts of Brahmanism, the Vedas and the Upanishads; and the Yoga systems of India sprang from the same source. Buddha later gave forth essentially the same basic ideas and his sacred Bodhi tree is correlated with the Essene Tree of Life. In Tibet the teaching once more found expression in the Tibetan Wheel of Life.

The Pythagoreans and Stoics in ancient Greece also followed the Essene principles and much of their way of life. The same teaching was an element of the Adonic culture of the Phoenicians, of the Alexandrian School of Philosophy in Egypt, and contributed greatly to many branches of Western culture, Freemasonry, Gnosticism, the Kabala and Christianity. Jesus interpreted it in its most sublime and beautiful form in the seven Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount.

The Essenes lived on the shores of lakes and rivers, away from cities and towns, and practiced a communal way of life, sharing equally in everything. They were mainly agriculturists and arboriculturists, having a vast knowledge of crops, soil and climatic conditions which enabled them to grow a remarkable variety of fruits and vegetables in comparatively desert areas and with a minimum of labor.

They had no servants or slaves and were said to have been the first people to condemn slavery both in theory and practice. There were no rich and no poor amongst them, both conditions being considered by them as deviations from the Law. They established their own economic system, based wholly on the Law, and showed that all man's food and material needs can be attained without struggle, through knowledge of the Law.

They spent much time in study both of ancient writings and special branches of learning, such as education, healing and astronomy. They were said to be the heirs of Chaldean and Persian astronomy and the Egyptian arts of healing. They were adept in prophecy for which they prepared by prolonged fasting. in the use of plants and herbs for healing man and beast they were likewise proficient.

They lived a simple regular life, rising each day before sunrise to study and commune with the forces of nature, bathing in cold water as a ritual and donning white garments. After their daily labor in the fields and vineyards they partook of their meals in silence, preceding and ending them with prayer. In their profound respect for all living things they never touched flesh foods, nor did they drink fermented liquids. Their evenings were devoted to study and communion with the heavenly forces.

Evening was the beginning of their day, and their Sabbath, or holy day, began on Friday evening, the first day of their week. This day was given to study, discussion, the entertaining of visitors and the playing of certain musical instruments, relics of which have been discovered.

Their way of life enabled them to live to advanced ages of 120 years or more and they were said to have marvelous strength and endurance. In all their activities they expressed creative love.

They sent out healers and teachers from the brotherhoods, amongst whom were Elijah, John the Baptist, John the Beloved and the great Essene Master, Jesus.

Membership in the brotherhood was attainable only after a probationary period of a year and three years of initiatory work, followed by seven more years before being admitted to the full inner teaching.

Records of the Essene way of life have come down to us from the writings of their contemporaries. Pliny the Roman naturalist, Philo the Alexandrian philosopher, Josephus the Roman historian, Solanius and others, spoke of them variously as "a race by themselves, more remarkable than any other in the world," "the oldest of the initiates, receiving their teaching from Central Asia," "teaching perpetuated through an immense space of ages," "constant and unalterable holiness."

Some of the outer teaching is preserved in Aramaic text in the Vatican in Rome. Some in Slavic text was found in the possession of the Habsburgs in Austria and said to have been brought out of Asia in the thirteenth century by Nestorian priests fleeing the hordes of Genghis Khan.

Echoes of the teaching exist today in many forms, in certain rituals of the Masonic order, in the symbol of the seven-branched candlestick, in the greeting "Peace be with you," used from the time of Moses, and even in the seven days of the week, which have long since lost their original spiritual meaning.

From its antiquity, its persistence through the ages, it is evident the teaching could not have been the concept of any individual or any people, but is the interpretation, by a succession of great Teachers, of the Law of the universe, the basic Law, eternal and unchanging as the stars in their courses, the same now as two or ten thousand years ago, and as applicable today as then.

The teaching explains the Law, shows how man's deviations from it are the cause of all his troubles, and gives the method by which he can find his way out of his dilemma.

THE SEVENFOLD VOW

I want to and will do my best

To live like the Tree of Life,

Planted by the Great Masters Of our Brotherhood.

With my Heavenly Father,

Who planted the Eternal Garden of the Universe

And gave me my spirit;

With my Earthly Mother

Who planted the Great Garden of the Earth

And gave me my body;

With my brothers

Who are working in the Garden of our Brotherhood.

I want to and will do my best

To hold every morning my Communions

With the Angels of the Earthly Mother,

And every evening

With the Angels of the Heavenly Father,

As established by

The Great Masters Of our Brotherhood.

I want to and will do my best

To follow the Path of the Sevenfold Peace.

I want to and will do my best

To perfect my body which acts,

My body which feels,

And my body which thinks,

According to the Teachings

Of the Great Masters of our Brotherhood.

I will always and everywhere obey with reverence

My Master,

Who gives me the Light

Of the Great Masters of all times.

I will submit to my Master

And accept his decision or complaints I may have on whatever differences

Against any of my brothers working in the Garden of the Brotherhood;

And I shall never take any complaint against a brother

To the outside world.

I will always and everywhere keep secret

All the traditions of our Brotherhood

Which my Master will tell me;

I never reveal to anyone these secrets

Without the permission of my Master.

I will never claim as my own my own

The knowledge received from my Master

And I will always give credit to him

For all this knowledge.

I will never use the knowledge and power I have gained

Through initiation from my Master

For material or selfsh purposes.

I enter the Eternal and Infinite Garden

with reverence to the Heavenly Father,

To the Earthly mother,

And to the Great masters,

Reverence to the Holy,

Pure and Saving Teaching,

Reverence to the Brotherhood of the Elect.

THE ESSENE WORSHIP

PROLOGUE

When God saw that his people would perish

Because they did not see the Light of Life,

He chose the best of Israel,

So that they might make the Light of Life

To shine before the sons of men,

And those chosen were called Essenes,

Because they taught the ignorant

And healed the sick,

And they gathered on the eve of every seventh day

To rejoice with the Angels.

WORSHIP

ELDER: Earthly Mother, give us the Food of Life!

BROTHERS: We will eat the Food of Life!

ELDER: Angel of Sun, give us the Fire of Life!

BROTHERS: We will perpetuate the Fire of Life!

ELDER: Angel of Water, give us the Water of Life!

BROTHERS: We will bathe in the Water of Life!

ELDER: Angel of Air give us the Breath of Life!

BROTHERS: We will breathe the Air of Life!

ELDER: Heavenly Father, Give us thy Power!

BROTHERS: We will build the Kingdom of God with the Power of the Heavenly Father!

ELDER: Heavenly Father, Give us Thy Love!

BROTHERS: We will fill our hearts with the Love of the Heavenly Father!

ELDER: Heavenly Father, give us thy Wisdom!

BROTHERS: We will follow the Wisdom of the Heavenly Father!

ELDER: Heavenly Father, give us Eternal Life!

BROTHERS: We will live like the Tree of Eternal Life!

ELDER: Peace be with thee!

BROTHERS: Peace be with thee!

THE ANGEL OF SUN

Up! Rise up and roll along! Thou immortal, shining,

Swift-steeded Angel of Sun!

Above the Mountains!

Produce Light for the World!

Angel of Sun, thou art the Fountain of Light:

Thou dost Pierce the darkness.

Open thou the gate of the horizon!

The Angel of Sun doth dwell far above the earth,

Yet do her rays fill our days with life and warmth.

The chariot of the morning doth bring the light

Of the rising sun

And maketh glad the hearts Of men.

The Angel of Sun doth illumine our path

With rays of splendor.

Angel of Sun!

Dart forth thy rays upon me!

Let them touch me; let them penetrate me!

I give myself to thee and thy embrace,

Blessed with the fire of life!

A molten flood of holy joy

Flows toward me from thee!

Onward to thee, Angel of Sun!

As no man can look upon the sun with naked eyes,

So no man can see God face to face,

Lest he be consumed by the flames

Which guard the Tree of Life.

Study, then, the Holy Law:

For the face of the Sun and the face of God

Can be seen only by the one who hath within him

The Revelation of the Law.

Thinkest thou that death is an end?

Thy thoughts are foolish as those of a child

Who sees dark sky and falling rain

And cries that there is no sun.

Wouldst thou grow strong in the Law?

Be, then, as the sun at noonday,

Which shineth with light and warmth on all men,

And giveth freely and abundantly of her golden glory.

Then shall the Fountain of Light flow back to thee,

As the Sun is never without light,

For it floweth freely, without restraint.

And when the Sun riseth,Then the Earth, made by the Creator,

Becometh clean,The running waters become pure,

The waters of the wells become pure,

The waters of the sea become pure,

The standing waters become pure,

All the Holy Creatures become pure.

It is through brightness and glory

That man is born who listens well

To the Holy Words of the Law,

Whom Wisdom holds dear.Through their brightness and gloryDoth the Sun go his way,Through their brightness and gloryDoth the Moon go her way,Through their brightness and glory

Do the Stars go their way unto the immortal, shining, swift-steeded SunLet there be invocation with sacrifice and prayer.

When the Light of the Sun waxeth brighter,

When the brightness of the Sun waxeth warmer,

Then do the heavenly forces arise.

They pour their Glory upon the Earth,

Made by the Heavenly Father,For the increase of the Children of Light,

For the increase of the immortal, Shining, swift-steeded Sun. He who offers up a sacrifice Unto the immortal, shining, swift-steeded Sun,

To withstand darkness, To withstand death that creeps in unseen,

offereth it up unto the Heavenly Father,

offereth it up unto the Angels,

offereth it up unto his own soul. He rejoiceth all the heavenly and earthly forces Who offereth up a sacrifice

Unto the immortal, shining, swift-steeded Sun.

I will sacrifice unto that friendship,

The best of all friendships,

That reign between the Angel of Sun

And the sons of the Earthly Mother.

I bless the Glory and Light,

The Strength and the Vigor,

Of the immortal, shining, swift-steeded Angel of Sun.

THE ANGEL OF WATER

From the Heavenly Sea

the Waters run and flow forward

from the never-failing Springs.

To the dry and barren desertHave the Brothers brought the Angel of Water:That she might bring forth a garden and a green place,

Tree-filled and fragrant with flowers.Cast thyself into the enfolding arms Of the Angel of Water:For she shall cast out from theeAll that is unclean and evil.Let my love flow toward thee, Heavenly Father,

As the river flows to the sea.And let thy love flow to me, Heavenly Father,

A s the gentle rain doth kiss the earth.As a river through the forest Is the Holy Law.All creatures depend on it,And it denieth nothing to any being.The Law is to the world of men

What a great river is to streams and brooks.

As rivers Of water in a dry place

Are the Brothers who bringeth the Holy Law

To the world of men.In water mayest thou drown,And in water mayest thou quench thy thirst.Thus is the Holy Law a two-edged sword:

By the Law mayest thou destroy thyself,

And by the Law mayest thou see God.

Heavenly Father!

From thy Heavenly Sea flow all the Waters

That spread over all the seven Kingdoms.

This Heavenly Sea of thine aloneGoeth on bringing Waters

Both in summer and winter and in all seasons.

This Sea of thine purifteth the seed in males,

The womb in females,The milk in female's breasts.Thy Heavenly Sea floweth down unrestrained

Unto the big-seeded corn fields,Unto the small-seeded pasture fields,

And unto the whole of the Earthly World.

A thousand pure Springs run toward the pastures

That give food to the Children of Light.

If any one shall sacrifice unto thee,

O thou holy Angel of Water!To that one dost thou give both splendor and glory,

With health and with vigor of the body.

To him dost thou give a long enduring life,

And the Heavenly Sea, thereafter.

We worship all the holy waters

Which do quench the thirst of the earth,

All the holy waters that the Creator hath made,

And all the plants which the Creator hath made,

All of which are holy.

We do worship the Water of Life,

And all waters upon the earth,

Whether standing, or running, or waters of the well,

Or spring-waters which perennially flow,

Or the blessed drippings of the rains,

We do sacrifice unto the good and holy waters

Which the Law hath created.

Let the sea roar, and all the waters,

The world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands,

Let the hills be joyful together.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

The God of Glory thundereth.

Heavenly Father! and thou, Angel of Water!

We are thankful to thee, and we bless thy name.

A flood of love welleth up

From the hidden places beneath the earth:

The Brotherhood is blessed forever

In the Holy Water of Life.

THE ANGEL OF AIR

We worship the Holy Breath

Which is placed higher than

All the other things created;

And we worship

The most true Wisdom.

In the midst of the fresh air of the forest and fields,

There shalt thou find the Angel of Air.

Patiently she waits for thee

To quit the dank and crowded holes of the city.

Seek her, then, and quaff deeply

Of the healing draught which she doth offer thee.

Breathe long and deeply,

That the Angel of Air may be brought within you.

For the rhythm of thy breath is the key of knowledge

Which doth reveal the Holy Law.

The Angel of Air

Doth soar on invisible wings:

Yet thou must walk her unseen path

I f thou wouldst see the face of God.

Sweeter than the finest nectar

Of honeyed pomegranate

Is the fragrance of the wind

In the grove of cypress.

Sweeter still the scent of the godly,

Who do revere and teach the Holy Law.

Holy is the Angel of Air,

Who doth cleanse all that is unclean

And giveth to all evil-smelling things a sweet odor.

Come on, come on, O clouds!

From above down on to the earth,

By thousands of drops,

Through their brightness and glory the winds blow,

Driving down the clouds

Toward the never-failing springs.

Vapors rise up from the vales of the mountains,

Nursed by the wind along the trail of the Law

Which increaseth the kingdom of Light.

The Heavenly Father hath made the earth by his power,

He hath established the world by his wisdom,

And hath stretched out the heavens by his will.

When he uttereth his voice,

There is a multitude of waters in the heavens,

And he causeth the vapors to ascend

From the ends of the earth;

He maketh lightnings with rain,

And bringeth forth the wind out of his breath.

As the sea is the gathering place of the waters,

Rising up and going down,

Up the aerial way and down on to the earth,

And up again the aerial way:

Thus rise, up and roll along! –

And for whose rising and growing

Tle Heavenly Father

Hath made the eternal and sovereign luminous Space.

No man may come before the Face of God

Whom the Angel of Air letteth not pass.

Thy body must breathe the air of the Earthly Mother,

As thy spirit must breathe the Holy Law

Of the Heavenly Father.

The Angel Of Earth

We invoke the Abundant Earth!

That possesseth Health and Happiness

And is more powerful

Than all its Creatures.

This wide earth do we praise,

Expanded far with paths,

The productive, the full-bearing,

Thy mother, holy plant!

We praise the lands where thou dost grow,

Sweet scented, swiftly spreading,

The good growth of the Earthly Mother.

We praise the good, the strong, the beneficent

Angel of Earth,

Who doth rejoice in the dew of heaven,

The fatness of the earth,

And the abundant harvest Of corn and grapes.

We praise the high mountains,

Rich in pastures and in waters,

Upon which run the many streams and rivers.

We praise the holy plants of the Angel of Earth,

Which grow up from the ground,

To nourish animals and men,

To nourish the Children of Light.

The earth is the strong Preserver,

The holy Preserver, the Maintainer!

We praise the strength and vigor

Of the powerful Preserver, the earth,

Created by the Heavenly Father!

We praise the healers of the earth,

They who know the secrets of the herbs and plants;

To the healers hath the Angel of Earth

Revealed her ancient knowledge.

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth,

And he that is wise shall use them.

Was not the water made sweet with wood,

That the virtue thereof might be known?

And to certain of the brothers he hath given skill,

That the Law Thigh t be honored and fulfilled.

With such do they heal men,

And taketh away their pains,

And of their works there is no end;

And from them is peace over all the earth.

Then give place to the healers, and honor them,

For the Heavenly Father hath created them:

Let them not go from thee, for thou hast need of them.

We praise the tillers of the soil,

Who work together in the Garden of the Brotherhood,

In the fields which the Lord hath blessed:

He who would till the earth,

With the left arm and with the right,

Unto him will she bring forth plenty of fruit,

And wholesome green plants and golden grain.

Sweetness and fatness will flow out from that land

And from those fields,

Along with health and healing,

With fulness and increase and plenty.

He who sows corn, grass and fruit

Soweth the Holy Law:

He maketh the Law of the Creator to progress.

When all the earth shall be a garden,

Then shall all the bodily world become free

From old age and death, from corruption and rot,

Forever and forever.

Mercy and truth shall be met together,

Righteousness and peace shall kiss each other,

Truth shall spring out of the earth,

And glory shall dwell in our land.

THE ANGEL OF LIFE

Be not ungrateful to thy Creator,

for he hath given thee Life.

Seek not the law in thy scriptures, for the law is Life,

Whereas the scriptures are only words.

I tell thee truly,

Moses received not his laws from God in writing,

But through the living word.

The law is living word of living God

To living prophets for living men.

In everything that is life is the law written.

It is found in the grass, in the trees,

In the river, in the mountains, in the birds of heaven,

In the forest creatures and the fishes of the sea;

But it is found chiefly in thyselves.

All living things are nearer to God

Than the scriptures which are without life.

God so made life and all living things

That they might by the everliving word

Teach the laws of the Heavenly Father

And the Earthly Mother

To the sons of men.

God wrote not the laws in the pages of books,

But in thy heart and in thy spirit.

They are in thy breath, thy blood, thy bone;

In thy flesh, thine eyes, thine ears,

And in every little part of thy body.

They are present in the air, in the water,

In the earth, in the plants, in the sunbeams,

In the depths and in the heights.

They all speak to thee

That thou mayest understand the tongue and the will

of the living God.,

And scriptures are the works of man

But life and all its hosts are the work of God.

First, O Great Creator!

Thou didst create the Heavenly Powers

And thou didst reveal the Heavenly Laws!

Thou gavest unto us understanding

From thine own mind

And thou madst our bodily life.

We are grateful, Heavenly Father,

For all thy manifold gifts of life:

For the precious things of heaven,

For the precious fruits brought forth by the sun,

For the precious things put forth by the moon,

For the great things of the ancient mountains

For the precious things of the lasting hills,

And for the precious things of the earth.

We are grateful, Heavenly Father,

For the vigor of health, health of the body,

Wise, bright and clear-eyed, with swiftness of foot,

Quick hearing of the ears, strength of the arms

And eye-sight of the eagle.

For all the manifold gifts of Life,

We do worship the Fire of Life,

And the Holy Light of the Heavenly Order.

We do worship the Fire,

The good and the friendly,

The Fire of Life!

The most beneficial and the most helpful,

The Fire of Life!

The most supporting, the most bountiful,

That Fire which is the House of the Lord!

Behold now the Child of Light

Who doth commune with the Angel of Life:

Lo now, his strength is in his loins,

And his force is in the muscles of his chest.

He moveth his legs like a cedar:

7he sinews of his thighs are knit together.

His bones are as tubes of brass,

His limbs are like bars of iron.

He doth eat of the table of the Earthly Mother,

The grass of the field and the waters of the stream

Do nourish him;

Surely the mountains bring him forth food.

Blessed is his strength and beauty,

For he do th serve the Law.

A Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit

Is the body in which the Fire of Life

Doth bum with eternal Light.

We thank thee, Heavenly Father,

For thou hast put us at a source of running streams

At a living spring in a land of drought,

Watering an etemal garden of wonders,

7he Tree of Life, mystery of mysteries,

Growing everlasting branches for eternal planting

To sink their roots into the stream of Life

From an eternal source.

THE ANGEL OF JOY

The heavens smile, the earth celebrates,

the morning stars sing together,

and all the Children of Light shout for Joy.

O sing unto the Heavenly Father a new song:

Sing unto the Earthly Mother, all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad,

Let the sea roar, and the fulness of Eternal Life.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:

Then shall all the trees of the wood

Rejoice before the Holy Law.

Sing unto the Heavenly Father,

All ye heavens of heavens,

And ye waters that be above the heavens,

All mountains and all hills,

Stormy wind fulfilling his word,

Fruitful trees and all cedars,

Beasts and all cattle,

Creeping things and flying fowl,

Kings of the earth and all people,

Princes and all judges of the earth:

Young men and maidens, old men and children,

Let them sing unto the Heavenly Father with Joy.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp, and voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of pipes

Make a joyful noise before the Angels.

Let the floods clap their hands:

Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother

With gladness and joy:

Come before their presence with singing.

The spirit of the Holy Law is upon me,

Because the Elders have anointed me

To preach good tidings unto the meek.

They have sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To comfort all that mourn,

To send unto them the holy Angel of Joy,

To give unto them beauty for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning,

The garment of Light for the spirit of heaviness,

For weeping may endure for a night,

But joy cometh in the morning.

The people that walked in darkness

Shall see a great light,

And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them shall shine the light of the Holy Law.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,

And let the skies pour down happiness.

Let the people of sadness go out with joy,

And be led forth with peace:

Let the mountains and the hills

Break forth before them into singing,

That they might partake of the holy celebration,

And eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life,

Which standeth in the Eternal Sea

The sun shall be no more their light by day,

Neither for brightness

Shall the moon give light unto them:

But the Law shall be unto them an everlasting light,

And the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother

Shall be their eternal glory.

Their sun shall no more go down,

Neither shall their moon withdraw itself..

For the Law shall be their everlasting light,

And the days of their mourning shall be ended.

I will greatly rejoice in the Holy Law,

My soul shall be joyful in the Angels;

For they have clothed me in garments of light,

They have covered me with robes of joy.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud,

And as the garden causeth its seeds to spring forth,

So the Heavenly Father will cause the Holy Law

To spring forth with gladness and joy

Before all the Children of Light.

In the Garden of the Brotherhood,

All the earth shines with holiness and abundant joy,

For there are the seeds of the Holy Law sown.

The Law is the best of all good

For the Children of Light:

It giveth unto them brightness and glory,

Health and strength of the body,

Long life in communion with the Angels,

And eternal and unending joy.

We will sing unto the Heavenly Father,

And unto the Earthly Mother,

And unto all the Angels,

As long as we live in the Garden of the Brotherhood:

We will sing praise unto the Holy Law

Forever and forever.

THE EARTHLY MOTHER

Honor thy Earthly Mother,

that thy days may be long upon the land.

The Earthly Mother is in thee, and thou in her.

She bore thee; she giveth thee life.

It was she who gaveth thee thy body,

And to her shalt thou one day give it back again.

Happy art thou when thou comest to know her

And her kingdom.

If thou receivest thy Mother's angels

And if thou doest her laws,

Who doeth these things shall never see disease.

For the power of our Mother is above all.

She hath rule over all the bodies of men

And all living things.

The blood which runs in us

Is born of the blood of our Earthly Mother.

Her blood falls from the clouds,

Leaps up from the womb of the earth,

Babbles in the brooks of the mountains,

Flows wide in the rivers of the plains,

Sleeps in the lakes,

Rages mightily in the tempestuous seas.

The air which we breathe

Is born of the breath of our Earthly Mother.

Her breath is azure in the heights of the heavens,

Soughs in the tops of the mountains,

Whispers in the leaves of the forest,

Billows over the cornfields,

Slumbers in the deep valleys,

Burns hot in the desert.

The hardness of our bones

Is born of the bones of our Earthly Mother,

of the rocks and of the stones.

They stand naked to the heavens

in the tops of the mountains,

They are as giants that lie sleeping on the sides of the mountains,

As idols set in the desert,

And are hidden in the deepness of the earth.

The tenderness of our flesh

Is born of the flesh of our Earthly Mother,

Whose flesh waxeth yellow and red in the fruits of the trees,

And nurtures us in the furrows of the fields.

The light of our eyes,

The hearing of our ears,

Both are born of the colors and sounds

Of our Earthly Mother;

Which enclose us about

As the waves of the sea a fish,

As the eddying air a bird.

Man is the Son of the Earthly Mother,

And from her did the Son of Man

Receive his whole body,

Even as the body of the newborn babe

Is born of the womb of his mother.

Thou art one with the Earthly Mother;

She is in thee, and thou in her.

Of her wert thou born, in her dost thou live,

And to her shalt thou return again.

Keep, therefore, her laws,

For none can live long, neither be happy,

But he who honors his Earthly Mother

And doeth her laws.

For thy breath is her breath, Thy blood her blood,

Thy bone her bone,

Thy flesh her flesh,

Thy eyes and thy ears,

Are her eyes and her ears.

our Earthly Mother!

Always are we embraced by her,

Always are w surrounded by her beauty.

Never can we part from her;

Never can we know her depths.

Ever doth she create new forms:

That which now existeth never was before.

That which did exist returneth not again.

In her kingdom all is ever new, and always old.

In her midst do we live, yet we know her not.

Continually doth she speak to us,

Yet never doth betray to us her secrets.

Ever do we till her soil and harvest her crops,

Yet we have no power over her.

Ever doth she build, ever doth she destroy,

and her work lace is hidden from the eyes of men.

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But he who honors his Earthly Mother

And doeth her laws,

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THE ANGEL OF POWER

Thine, O Heavenly Father!

was the Power, when thou didst order

a Path for each of us and all.

What is the Deed well done?

It is that done by the Children of Light

Who regard the Law as before all other things.

The best of all gifts, therefore,

Do I beseech of thee, O thou best of beings,

Heavenly Father!

That the Holy Law shall rule within us

Through thy Angel of Power!

I do approach thee with my invocations,

That thy great gifts of power

Will protect thy Heavenly Order,

And thy creative mind within us, forever.

We will extol thee, Heavenly Father,

O almighty king!

And we will bless thy power forever and ever.

So long as we be able and may have the power,

So long will we teach the people

Concerning these Deeds to be done by them

With faith toward the Heavenly Father,

The Earthly Mother, the holy Angels,

And all the Children of Light

Who till the soil of the Garden of the Brotherhood,

And in the desire for the coming of the Heavenly Orc

Into their souls and their bodies.

Thine, O Heavenly Father! was the Power,

Yea, thine, O Creator of Love!

Was the understanding and the spirit,

When thou didst order a path for each of us and all.

Through thy Power shall we go unto the people,

And teach them, saying, Trust in the Law,

And walk in the ways of the holy Angels,

So shalt thou dwell in the land,

And verily thou shalt be fed from the feast table of the Earthly Mother.

Delight thyself also in the Power of the Heavenly Father,

And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Let not arrogancy come out of thy mouth:

For the Heavenly Father doth rule by the holy Law,

And by him actions are weighed.

He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

The Power of the Law maketh poor, and maketh rich:

His Power bringeth low, and lifteth up.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

And lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill,

And maketh them inherit the throne of glory.

out of heaven shall he thunder

Upon the children of darkness:

The Lord shall judge with Power the ends of the earth.

Hear the voices of the Brothers

Who cry out in the wilderness and barren desert:

Prepare ye the way of the Law,

Make straight the paths of the Heavenly Father,

And the Earthly Mother,

And all the holy Angels of the day and of the night.

Every valley shall be filled,

And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;

And the crooked shall be made straight,

And the rough ways shall be made smooth,

And all flesh shall see the Power of the Law.

We extol thee, Heavenly Father,

For thou hast lifted us up.

O Lord, our Almighty Powerful Father,

We cried unto thee, and thou hast healed us.

From the grave thou hast brought up

The souls of the people;

Thou hast kept them alive,

That they should not go down to the pit.

O Heavenly Father, thou art the Law;

Early and late will we seek thy Angels:

Our souls thirsteth for the Law,

Our flesh longeth for the Law.

A river of holy Power is the Law

In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.

Our lips shall praise thy Power while we live,

We will lift up our hands in thy name.

We will preserve, we will nurture thy Heavenly Order

Through the fulfillment of Deeds.

We will invoke and pronounce by day and by night

Thy holy Power,

And that Power shall come to help us;

It will be as if there were a thousand angels

Watching over one man.

Unto thee, Heavenly Father, belongeth all Power,

And also unto thee belongeth mercy:

For the holy Law doth render to every man

According to his work.

THE ANGEL OF LOVE

Love is stronger

than the currents of deep waters.

Love is stronger than death.

Beloved, let us love one another:

For love is of the Heavenly Father:

And every one that loveth is born

Of the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother,

And knoweth the Angels.

Ye shall love one another,

As the Heavenly Father hath loved you.

For the Heavenly Father is love:And he that dwelleth in loveDwelleth in the Heavenly Father,And the Heavenly Father in him.Let him that love him be as the sun

When he goeth forth in his might.

Brothers, be ye all of one mind,

Having endless love and compassion one for another.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge

Against the children of thy people,But thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself if a man say,

I love the Heavenly Father, but hate my brother,

He is a liar:For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,How can he love the Heavenly FatherWhom he hath not seen?He who loveth the Heavenly Father

Loveth also his brother.Love ye also the stranger:

For ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

It is said by the people,Better a dinner of herbs where love is,

Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Loving words are as an honeycomb,Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters,

And the wellspring of love as a flowing brook.

What doth the Law require of thee,

But to do justly, and to love mercy,

And to walk humbly with the Angels.

By this do we know that the Angel of Love

Doth dwell in us,

When we love the Heavenly Father,

And keep his Law. Gracious Love, Creator of Love! Reveal the best words Through thy divine mind living within us. Say to the Children of Light Who till the soil in the Garden of the Brotherhood: Honor all men.

Love the Brotherhood.

obey the Law.

THE ANGEL OF WISDOM

To follow the Lord

Is the beginning of Wisdom:

And the knowledge

Of the Holy One

Is understanding.

For by him

Thy days shall be multiplied,

And the years of thy life

Shall be increased.

All Wisdom cometh from the Heavenly Father,

And is with him forever. Through the holy Law doth the Angel of Wisdom

Guide the Children of Light. Who can number the sand of the sea, And the drops Of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven,

And the breadth of the earth,

And the deep, and wisdom?

Wisdom hath been created before all things.

One may heal with goodness,

One may heal with justice,

One may heal with herbs,

One may heal with the Wise Word.

Amongst all the remedies,

This one is the healing one

That heals with the Wise Word. And one it is that will best drive away sickness

From the bodies of the faithful, For Wisdom is the best healing of all remedies. To follow the holy Law is the crown of Wisdom,

Making peace and perfect health to flourish,

Both which are the gifts of the Angels. We would draw near unto thee,

O Heavenly Father!

With the help of thy Angel of Wisdom, Who guides us by means of thy Heavenly Order,

And with the actions and the words inspired by thy holy Wisdom!

Come to us, Heavenly Father, with thy creative mind,

And do thou, who bestoweth gifts Through thy Heavenly Order, Bestow alike the long lasting gift of Wisdom

Upon the Children of Light, That this life might be spent in holy service in the

Garden of the Brotherhood.

In the realm of thy good mind, Incarnate in our minds, he path of Wisdom doth flow From the Heavenly Order, Wherein doth dwell the sacred Tree of Life. In what fashion is manifest thy Law, O Heavenly Father!

The Heavenly Father makes answer:

By good thought

In perfect unity with Wisdom, O Child of Light!

What is the word well spoken?

It is the blessing-bestowing word of Wisdom.

What is the thought well thought?

It is that which the Child of Light thinketh,

The one who holdeth the Holy Thought

To be the most of value of all things else.

So shall the Child of Light grow

In concentration and communion, And he may develop Wisdom, And thus shall he continue
Until all the mysteries of the Infinite Garden

Where standeth the Tree of Life

Shall be revealed to him.

Then shall he say these victorious words:

O Heavenly Father!

Give unto me my task

For the building of thy Kingdom on earth,

Through good thoughts, good words, good deeds,

Which shall be for the child of Light

His most precious gift.

O thou Heavenly Order!

And thou Universal Mind!

I will worship thee and the Heavenly Father,

Because of whom the creative mind within us

Is causing the Imperishable Kingdom to progress!

Holy Wisdom maketh all men free from fear,

Wide of heart, and easy of conscience.

Holy Wisdom, the understanding that unfolds forever,

Continually, without end,

And is not acquired through the holy scrolls.

It is ignorance that ruineth most people,

Both amongst those who have died,

And those who shall die.

When ignorance will be replaced by Holy Wisdom,

T'hen will sweetness and fatness come back again

To our land and to our fields,

With health and healing,

With fulnessy and increase, and growth,

And abundance of corn and of grass,

And rivers of Peace shall flow through the desert.

THE ANGEL OF ETERNAL LIFE

And Enoch walked with God;

and he was not; for God took him.

Upon the earth was no man created like Enoch,

For he was taken from the earth.

He was as the morning star in the midst of a cloud,

And as the moon at the full: As the sun shining upon the temple of the most High, And as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds, And as the flower of roses in the spring of the year,

As lilies by the rivers Of waters,

And as the branches of the frankincense tree

In the time of summer,And as a fair olive tree budding forth fruit,And as a cypress tree which groweth up to the clouds.

The first follower of the Law was Enoch,

The first of the healers, of the wise,

T'he happy, the glorious, the strong,

Who drove back sickness and drove back death.

He did obtain a source of remedies To withstand sickness and to withstand death; To withstand pain and to withstand fever; To withstand the evil and infection

Which ignorance of the Law

Had created against the bodies of mortals.

We invoke Enoch,

The master of life,

The Founder of our Brotherhood,

The man of the Law, T'he wisest of all beings, The best ruling of all beings,

The brightest of all beings,

The most glorious of all beings,

The most worthy of invocations amongst all beings,

The most worthy of glorification amongst all beings,

Who first thought what is good, Who first spoke what is good, Who first did what is good.

Who was the first Priest,

The first Plougher of the Ground,

Who first knew and first taught the Word,

And the obedience to the Holy Law.

To all the Children of Light He gave all the good things of life:

He was the first bearer of the Law.

It is written, the words of Father Enoch,

We sacrifice unto the Creator, The Heavenly Father, The bright and glorious Angels. We sacrifice unto the shining heavens, We sacrifice unto the bright, all-happy,

Blissful wisdom of the Holy Angels of Eternity.

Grant to us, Heavenly Father!

The desire and the knowledge of the straightest path,

The straightest because of the Heavenly Order of Life,

The Best Life of the Angels,Shining, all glorious.As health is excellent, so also is Eternal Life,

Both flowing from the Heavenly order,

The creator of goodness of the mind,And of actions of life performed for devotion

To the Creator of Eternal Life.We sacrifice unto the sovereign sky,We sacrifice unto the boundless time,We sacrifice unto the endless sea of Eternal Life.

We do invoke the most glorious Law.We invoke the Kingdom of Heaven,The boundless time, and the Angels.We invoke the eternal, holy Law.We follow the paths of the Stars,The Moon, the Sun and the endless Light,Moving around in their revolving circle forever.

And truthfulness in Thought, Word and Deed

Will place the soul of the faithful man

In the endless light of Eternal Life.

The Heavenly Father possessed me

In the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,

Or ever the earth was.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth:

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,

Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.

When he established the heavens, I was there:

When he set a circle upon the face of the deep:

When he made firm the skies above:

When the fountain of the deep became strong:

When he gave to the sea its bound,That the waters should not transgress his Law:

When he marked out the foundations of the earth:

Then I was by him, as a master workman:And I was daily his delight,Rejoicing always before him,Rejoicing in his habitable earth,

And my delight was with the sons Of men.For eternity the Heavenly Father reigneth,He is clothed with majesty and strength.

He is from everlasting!

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

The floods have lifted up their voice,

The floods lift up their waves.

The Heavenly Father on high

Is mightier than the noise of many waters,

Yea , than the mighty waves of the sea.

His name shall endure forever,

His name shall be continued as long as eternity,

And all the Children of Light shall be blessed in him,

And all men shall call him blessed.

Let the whole earth be filled

With the glory of the Heavenly Father,

The Earthly Mother,

And all the holy Angels.

I have reached the inner vision

And through thy spirit in me

I have heard thy wondrous secret.

Through thy mystic insight

Thou hast caused a spring of knowledge

To well up within me,

A fountain of power, pouring forth living waters,

A flood of love and of all-embracing wisdom

Like the splendor of Eternal Light.

THE ANGEL OF WORK

Who hath measured the waters

In the hollow of his hand,

And meted out heaven with a span,

And comprehended the dust of the earth In a measure,

And weighed the mountains in scales, And the hills in a balance?

T'he sun ariseth, and the Brothers gather together,

They go forth unto their work in the fields;

With strong backs and cheerful hearts they go forth

To labor together in the Garden of the Brotherhood.

They are the Workers of Good,

Because they work the good of the Heavenly Father.

They are the spirit, conscience and soul of those

Who teach the Law and who struggle for the Law.

With the right arm and the left, they till the soil,

And the desert bursts forth in colors of green and gold.

With the right arm and the left, they lay the stones

Which shall build on earth the Kingdom of Heaven.

They are the messengers of the Angel of Work:

In them is revealed the holy Law.

O Heavenly Father! How manifold are thy works!

In wisdom hast thou made them all;

The earth is full of thy riches.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys,

Which run among the hills.Thou givest drink to every beast of the field,

And causeth the grass to grow for the cattle.

Thou settest the mighty trees in their places,That the birds of heaven may have their habitation,

And sing sweetly among the branches.Thou givest herbs for the service of man,That he may bring forth food out of the earth.

In the hands of the Brothers all thy gifts bear fruit,

For they are building on earth the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created,

And together with thy holy Angels,

They shall renew the face of the earth.

O thou Heavenly Father, Thou who art one alone! Reveal unto the Children of Light: Which is the foremost place Wherein the earth feeleth the greatest joy?

The Heavenly Father answering, said:

It is the place whereupon one of the Brothers

Who follow the holy Law, steppeth forth:

With his good thoughts, good words and good deeds

Whose back is strong in service,

Whose hands are not idle,

Who lifteth up his voice in full accord with the Law.

That place is holy whereon one of the Brothers

Soweth the most Of corn, of grass, of fruit:

Where he watereth that ground which is dry,

Or draineth the too wet soil

For the earth hath been given unto the keeping

Of the Children of Light,

That they treasure and care for it,

And bring from its depths only that

Which is for the nourishment of the body.

Blessed are the Children of Light

Whose joy is in the work of the Law,

Who labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood by day,

And join the Angels of the Heavenly Father by night.

From their lips is the story told, Which doth serve as a teaching for the sons of men: It is said that the trees went forth on a time To anoint a king over them; And they said unto the olive tree, "Reign thou over us."

But the olive tree said unto them,

"Should I leave my fatness,

Wherewith by me they honor God and man,

And go to be promoted over the trees?"

And the trees said to the fig tree,

"Come thou, and reign over us.

But the fig tree said unto them,

"Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit,

And go to be promoted over the trees?"

Then said the trees unto the vine,

"Come thou, and reign over us.

And the vine said unto them,

"Should I leave my wine,

Which cheereth God and man,

And go to be promoted over the trees?"

Ae man of the Law who fulfills his tasks

Does not need further blessings.

THE ANGEL OF PEACE

For the earth shall be filled

with the Peace of the Heavenly Father,

as the waters cover the sea.

I will invoke the Angel of Peace,

Whose breath is friendly,

Whose hand is clothed in power.

In the reign of Peace, there is neither hunger nor thirst,

Neither cold wind nor hot wind,

Neither old age nor death.

In the reign of Peace,

Both animals and men shall be undying,

Waters and plants shall be undrying,

And the food of life shall be never-failing.

It is said that the mountains

Shall bring peace to the people,

And the little hills, righteousness.

There shall be peace

As long as the sun and moon endure,

Throughout all generations.

Peace shall come down like rain upon mown grass,

As showers that water the earth.

In the reign of Peace shall the Law grow strong,

And the Children of Light shall have dominion

From sea to sea, unto the ends of the earth.

The reign of Peace hath its source

In the Heavenly Father;

By his strength he setteth fast the mountains,

He maketh the outgoings of morning and evening

To rejoice in the Light,

He bringeth to earth the river of the Law,

To water and enrich it,

He maketh soft the earth with showers;

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness,

And the little hills rejoice on every sidle.

The pastures are clothed with flocks;

The valleys also are covered over with corn;

They shout for joy, they also sing. O Heavenly Father!

Bring unto thy earth the reign of Peace!

Then shall we remember the words of him who taught of old the Children of Light:

I give the peace of thy Earthly Mother

To thy body,

And the peace of thy Heavenly Father To thy spirit.

And let the peace of both

Reign among the sons of men.

Come to me all that are weary,

And that suffer in strife and affliction!

For my peace will strengthen thee and comfort thee.

For my peace is exceeding full of joy.

Wherefore do I always greet thee after this manner:

Peace be with thee!

Do thou always, therefore, so greet one another,

That upon thy body may descend

The Peace of thy Earthly Mother,

And upon thy spirit

The Peace of thy Heavenly Father.

And then wilt thou find peace also among thyselves,

For the Kingdom of the Law is within thee.

And return to thy Brothers

give thy peace to them also,

For happy are they that strive for peace,

For they will find the peace of the Heavenly Father.

And give to every one thy peace,

Even as I have given my peace unto thee.

For my peace is of God.

Peace be with thee

THE HEAVENLY FATHER

In the Heavenly Kingdom

There are strange and wondrous works,

For by his word all things consist.

There are yet hid greater things than these be,

For we have seen but a few of his works:

The Heavenly Father hath made all things.

Ae beauty of heaven, the glory of the stars,

Give light in the highest places of the Heavenly Sea.

Sentinels of the most High, they stand in their order,

And never faint in their watches.

Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it;

Very beautiful it is in the brightness thereof

It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle,

And the hands of the most High have bended it.

By his Law he maketh the snow to fall apace,

And sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgment.

Through this the treasures are opened,

And clouds fly forth as fowls.

By his great power he maketh the clouds firm,

And the hailstones are broken small.

At his sight the mountains are shaken,

And at his will the south wind bloweth.

The noise of the thunder maketh the earth to tremble:

So doth the northern storm and the whirlwind:

As birds flying he scattereth the snow,

And the eye marvelleth

At the beauty of the whiteness thereof,

And the heart is astonished at the raining of it.

So do the heavens declare the glory of God,

And the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Who hath made the waters,

And who maketh the plants?

Who to the wind hath yoked the storm-clouds,

The swift and even the fleetest?

Who, O Heavenly Father,

Is the creator of the holy Law within our souls?

Who hath made the light and the darkness?

Who hath made sleep and the zest of the waking hours?

Who gave the recurring sun and stars

Their undeviating way?

Who established that whereby the moon doth wax

And whereby she waneth?

Who, save thee, Heavenly Father,

Hath done these glorious things!

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place

In all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art the Law.

Thy name is Understanding,

Thy name is Wisdom,

Thy name is the Most Beneficent,

Thy name is the Unconquerable One,

Thy name is He Who maketh the true account,

Thy name is the All-seeing One,

Thy name is the Healing One,

Thy name is the Creator.

Thou art the Keeper,

Thou art the Creator and the Maintainer;

Thou art the Discerner and the Spirit.

Thou art the Holy Law.

These names were pronounced

Before the Creation of this Heaven,

Be-fore the making of the waters and of the plants,

Before the birth of our holy Father Enoch.

Before the beginning of time,

The Heavenly Father planted the holy Tree of Life,

Which standeth forever in the midst of the Eternal Sea

High in its branches sings a bird,

And only those who have journeyed there,

And have heard the mysterious song of the bird,

Only those shall see the Heavenly Father.

They shall ask of him his name,

And he shall answer, I am that I am,

Being ever the same as the Etemal I am.

O thou Heavenly Father!

How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Aou hast set thy glory above the heavens.

When we consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,

The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained,

What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

Yet thou hast made a covenant

With the Children of Light,

And they walk with thy holy Angels;

Thou hast crowned them with glory and honor,

Thou madest them to have dominion

Over the works of thy hands,

And gavest unto them

The task of nourishing and protecting

All that lives and grows on thy green earth.

O Heavenly Father!

How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Hear the voice Of one who cries out to thee:

Whither shall I go from thy spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there;

If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning,

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there shall thy hand lead me,

And thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

Even the night shall be light about me;

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee

But the night shineth as the day:

The darkness and the light are both alike to thee,

For thou hast possessed my reins.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,

So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for the living Heavenly Father.

The Law is my light and salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

7he Law is the rock and the strength of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Law,

That I will seek after:

That I may dwell in the house of the Law

All the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Heavenly Father.

Those who dwell in the secret place of the most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

We will say of the Law,

"Thou art our refuge and our fortress;

We will trust in the Holy Law.

And the Heavenly Father

Shall cover us with his feathers,

And under his wings shall we trust;

His truth shall be our shield and buckler.

We shall not be afraid for the terror by night,

Nor for the arrow that flieth by day,

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness,

No rfor the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

For by day we shall walk

With the Angels of the Earthly Mother,

By night we shall commune

With the Angels of the Heavenly Father,

And when the sun reacheth its zenith at noontide,

We shall stand silent before the Sevenfold Peace:

And no evil shall befall us,

Neither shall any plague come nigh our dwelling,

For he hath given his Angels charge over us,

To keep us in all their ways.

The Heavenly Father is our refuge and strength.

Therefore will not we fear,

Though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried

Into the midst of the sea,

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof

There is a river, which floweth to the Eternal Sea.

Beside the river stands the holy Tree of Life.

There doth my Father dwell, and my home is in him.

The Heavenly Father and I are One.

THE HOLY LAW

Thou, O Holy Law,

The Tree of Life

That standeth in the middle of the Eternal Sea,

That is called,

The Tree of Healing.

The Tree of powerful Healing,

The Tree of all Healing,

And upon which rests the seeds

Of all we invoke.

Have ye-not known?

Have ye not heard?

Hath it not been told thee from the beginning?

Lift up thine eyes on high, and behold the Holy Law,

Which was established before the etemal,

Sovereign and luminous space,

Which hath created the foundations of the earth,

Which is the first and the last,

Which liveth in the hearts of the Children of Light.

For the Law is great,

As the Heavenly Father is great above his Angels:

He it is who giveth us the Law, and he is the Law:

In his hand are the deep places of the earth;

The strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it,

And his hands formed the dry land

Come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Heavenly Father,

For he is the Law,

And we are the people of his pasture,

And the sheep of his hand

with songs of gladness the children of Light

Invoke the Holy Law:

Sickness flies away before it,

Death flies away,

Ignorance flies away.

Pride, scorn and hot fever,

Slander, discord and evil,

All anger and violence,

And lying words of falsehood,

All fly away before the power of the Holy Law.

Here is the Law

which will smite all sickness, which will smite all death,

Which will smite the oppressors of men,

Which will smite pride,

Which will smite scorn,

Which will smite hot fevers, which will smite all slanders,

Which will smite all discords, which will smite the worst of evil,

Which will banish ignorance from the earth.

We bless the invocation and prayer,

The strength and vigor of the Holy Law.

We invoke the spirit, conscience and soul of the

Children of Light who teach the Law,

Who struggle in the kingdom of darkness

To bring the light of the Law to the sons of men.

We bless that victory

Of good thoughts, good words, and good deeds,

Which make strong the foundations of the Kingdom of Light.

Let the sons of men who think, speak and do

All good thoughts, words and deeds

Inhabit heaven as their home.

And let those who think, speak and do

Evil thoughts, words and deeds

Abide in chaos.

Purity is for man, next to life,

The greatest of good:

That purity is in the Holy Law,

Which maketh grass to grow upon the mountains,

And maketh clean the hearts Of men.

With good thoughts, good words, and good deeds

Clean shall be the fire,

Clean the water,

Clean the earth,

Clean the stars, the moon and the sun,

Clean the faithful man and the faithful woman,

Clean the boundless, eternal Light,

Clean the Kingdom of the Earthly Mother

And the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father,

Clean the good things made by the Law,

Whose offspring is the Holy Creation.

To obtain the treasures of the material world, O sons Of men,

Forego not the world of the Law.

For he who, to obtain the treasures

Of the material world,

Destroyeth in him the world of the Law,

Such an one shall possess neither force of life

Nor the Law,

Neither the Celestial Light.

But he who walks with the Angels,

And who followeth the Holy Law,

He shall obtain everything good:

He shall enter the Eternal Sea

Where standeth the Tree of Life.

T'he Communions of the Law are perfect,

Converting the soul from darkness to light;

T'he testimony of the Law is sure,

Making wise the simple.

T'he statutes of the Law are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Law is pure,

Enlightening the eyes.

The truth of the Law is clean, enduring forever.

Let the Children of Light triumph everywhere

Between the Heavens and the Earth!

Let us breathe the Holy Law in our prayer:

How beautiful are thy tabernacles,

O Heavenly Father!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth

For the Tree of Life

That standeth in the middle of the Eternal Sea.

My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house,

And the swallow a nest for herself,

Where she may lay her young.

The Children of Light

Who labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood

Abide in the Holy Law:

Blessed are they who dwell therein

THE ANGELS

The Heavenly Father

Gave his Angels charge

Concerning thee:

And in their hands

They shall bear thee up,

Even unto the Tree of Life

That standeth in the midst

Of the Eternal Sea...

For the wisdom of the Law,

For the unconquerable power of the Law,

And for the vigor of health,

For the Glory of the Heavenly Father

And the Earthly Mother,

And for all the boons and remedies

Of the Sevenfold Peace,

Do we worship the Holy Angels,

Our efforts for whom

And Communions to whom

Make us good in the eyes of Heavenly Father.

The Law is fulfilled according to the Angels,

The Bright and Holy Ones,

Whose looks perform their wish,

Strong, lordly,

Who are undecaying and holy,

Who are seven and seven all of one Thought,

Who are seven and seven all of one Speech,

Who are seven and seven all of one Deed.

Whose Thought is the same,

Whose Speech is the same,

Whose Deed is the same,

Whose Father is the same,

Namely, the Heavenly Father!

The Angels who see one another's souls,

Who bring the Kingdom of the Earthly Mother

And the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father

To the Children of Light

Who labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood.

The Angels who are the makers and Governors,

The Shapers and overseers,

The Keepers and Preservers of the abundant Earth!

And of all Creations of the Heavenly Father.

We invoke the good, the strong, the beneficent

Angels of the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother!

That of the Light!

That of the Sky!

That of the Waters!

That of the Earth!

That of the Plants!

That of the Children of Light!

That of the Eternal Holy Creation!

We worship the Angels

Who first listened unto the thought and teaching

Of the Heavenly Father,

Of whom the Angels formed the seed of the nations.

We worship the Angels

Who first touched the brow of our Father Enoch,

And guided the Children of Light

Through the seven and seven Paths

Which lead to the Tree of Life

That standeth forever in the midst of the Eternal Sea.

We worship all the Angels,

The good, heroic and bounteous Angels,

Of the bodily world of the Earthly Mother,

And those of the Invisible Realms,

Those in the Celestial Worlds of the Heavenly Father.

We worship the ever blessing immortal Angels,

The brilliant ones of splendorous countenance,

The lofty and devoted creatures of the Heavenly Father,

They who are imperishable and Holy.

We worship the resplendent, the glorious,

Ylze bountiful Holy Angels,

Who rule aright, and who adjust all things rightly.

Hear the glad voices of the Children of Light,

Who sing the praise of the Holy Angels

As they labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood:

We sing with gladness to the waters, land and plants,

To this earth and to the heavens,

To the holy wind, and the holy sun and moon,

To the eternal stars without beginning,

And to all the holy creatures of the Heavenly Father.

We sing with gladness unto the Holy Law,

Which is the Heavenly Order,

To the days and to the nights,

To the years and to the seasons

Which are the pillars of the Heavenly Order.

We worship the Angels of the Day,

And the Angels of the Month,

Aose of the Years, and those of the Seasons,

All the good, the heroic,

The ever blessing immortal Angels

Who maintain and preserve the Heavenly order.

We desire to approach the mighty Angels,

All the Angels of the Heavenly Order,

Because of the Holy Law,

Which is the best of all good.

We do present these thoughts well thought,

These words well spoken,

These deeds well done,

To the bountiful, immortal Angels,

Those who exercise their right rule.

We do present these offerings

To the Angels of the Day,

And the Angels of the Night,

Ile ever-living, the ever-helpful,

Who dwell eternally with the Divine Mind.

May the good and heroic and bountiful

Angels of the Heavenly Father

And the Earthly Mother

Walk with their holy feet

In the Garden of the Brotherhood,

And may they go hand in hand with us

With the healing virtues of their blessed gifts,

As wide-spread as the earth,

As far-spread as the rivers,

As high-reaching as the sun,

For the furtherance of the betterment of man,

And for abundant growth.

It is they, the Holy Angels,

Who shall restore the World!

Which will thenceforth never grow old and never die!

Never decaying, ever living and ever increasing.

T'hen Life and Immortality will come

And the World will be restored!

Creation will grow deathless,

The Kingdom of the Heavenly Father will prosper,

And evil shall have perished!

THE BROTHERHOOD

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For the Children of Light

To dwell together in unity!

For the Brotherhood

The Heavenly Father

Hath commanded the Law.

Even life for evermore.

The Law was planted in the Garden of the Brotherhood

To illumine the hearts of the Children of Light,

To make straight before them

The seven and seven paths leading to the Tree of Life

Which standeth in the midst of the Eternal Sea;

T'he Law was planted in the Garden of the Brotherhood,

That they might recognize

The spirits of truth and falsehood,

Truth born out of the spring of Light,

Falsehood from the well of darkness.

The dominion of all the Children of Truth

Is in the hands of the mighty angels of Light,

So that they walk in the ways of Light.

T'he Children of Light are the servants of the Law,

And the Heavenly Father shall not forget them.

He hath blotted out their sins as a thick cloud;

He hath lit the candle of Truth within their hearts.

Sing, O ye heavens,

Shout, ye lower parts of the earth,

Break forth into singing, ye mountains,

O forest, and every tree therein:

For the Heavenly Father hath kindled his flame

In the hearts of the Children of Light,

And glorified himself in them.

The Holy Law of the Creator

Purifieth the followers of the Light

From every evil thought, word and deed,

As a swift-rushing mighty wind

Doth cleanse the plain.

Let the child of Light who so desireth

Be taught the Holy Word,

During the first watch of the day and the last,

During the first watch of the night and the last,

That his mind may be increased in intelligence

And his soul wax strong in the Holy Law.

At the hour of dawn

He shall gaze upon the rising sun

And greet with joy his Earthly Mother.

At the hour of dawn

He shall wash his body in the cool water

And greet with joy his Earthly Mother.

At the hour of dawn

He shall breathe the fragrant air

And greet with joy his Earthly Mother.

And through the day

He shall labor with his brethren

In the Garden of the Brotherhood.

In the hour of twilight

He shall gather with his brothers,

And together they shall study the holy words

Of our fathers, and their fathers' fathers,

Even unto the words of our Father Enoch.

And when the stars are high in the heavens

He shall commune

With the holy Angels of the Heavenly Father.

And his voice shall be raised with gladness

Unto the most High, saying,

We worship the Creator,

T'he maker of all good things:

And Good Mind,

And of the Law,

Immortality,

And the Holy Fire of Life.

We do offer to the Law

The Wisdom of the Tongue,

Holy Speech, Deeds, and rightly-spoken Words.

Grant us, Heavenly Father,

That we may bring down abundance

To the world thou hast created,

That we may take away both hunger and thirst

From the world thou hast created,

That we may take away both old age and death

From the world thou hast created.

O good, most beneficent Heavenly Father!

Grant us that we may think

According to the Law,

That we may speak

According to the Law,

Ilat we may do

According to the Law.

O Heavenly Father,

What is the invocation most worthy

In greatness and goodness?

It is that one, O Children of Light,

That one delivers

When waking up and rising from sleep,

At the same time professing

Good thoughts, good words and good deeds,

And rejecting evil thoughts, evil words and evil deeds.

The first step

That the soul of the Child of Light did make,

Placed him in the Good Thought Paradise,

The Holy Realm of Wisdom. The second step

That the soul of the Child of Light did make,

Placed him in the Good Word Paradise,

The Holy Realm of Love.

The third step

That the soul of the Child of Light did make,

Placed him in the Good Deed Paradise,

The Holy Realm of Power.

The fourth step

Ilat the soul of the Child of Light did make,

Placed him in the Endless Light.

The Heavenly Father knoweth the hearts

Of the Children of Light,

And their inheritance shall be for ever.

They shall not be afraid in the evil time:

And in the days -of famine they shall be satisfied.

For with them is the Fountain of Life,

And the Heavenly Father forsaketh not his children.

Their souls shall breathe forever and ever,

And their forms shall be endowed with Eternal Life.

Blessings on the Children of Light

Who have cast their lot with the Law,

That walk truthfully in all their ways.

May the Law bless them with all good

And keep them from all evil,

And illumine their hearts

With insight into the things of life

And grace them with knowledge of things eternal.

TREES

Go towards the high growing Trees,

And before one of them

Which is beautiful, high growing and mighty,

Say thou these words:

Hail be unto Thee!

O good living Tree,

Made by the Creator.

In the days of old, when the Creation was young,

The earth was filled with giant trees,

Whose branches soared above the clouds,

And in them dwelled our Ancient Fathers,

They who walked with the Angels,

And who lived by the Holy Law.

In the shadow of their branches all men lived in peace,

And wisdom and knowledge was theirs,

And the revelation of the Endless Light.

Through their forests flowed the Eternal River,

And in the center stood the Tree of Life,

And it was not hidden from them.

They ate from the table of the Earthly Mother,

And slept in the arms of the Heavenly Father,

And their covenant was for eternity with the Holy Law.

In that time the trees were the brothers of men,

And their span on the earth was very long,

As long as the Eternal River,

Which-flowed without ceasing

From the Unknown Spring.

Now the desert sweeps the earth with burning sand,

The giant trees are dust and ashes,

And the wide river is a pool of mud.

For the sacred covenant with the Creator

Was broken by the sons of men,

And they were banished from their home of trees.

Now the path leading to the Tree of Life

Is hidden from the eyes of men,

And sorrow fills the empty sky

Where once the lofty branches soared.

Now into the buming desert

Come the Children of Light,

To, labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood.

The seed they plant in the barren soil

Will become a mighty forest,

And trees shall multiply

And spread their wings of green

Until the whole earth be covered once again.

The whole earth shall be a garden,

And the tall trees shall cover the land

In that day shall sing the Children of Light a new song:

My brother, Tree!

Let me not hide myselffrom thee,

But let us share the breath of life

Which our Earthly Mother hath given to us.

More beautiful than the finest jewel

Of the rugmaker's art,

Is the carpet of green leaves under my bare feet;

More majestic than the silken canopy of the rich merchant,

Is the tent of branches above my head,

Through which the bright stars give light.

The wind among the leaves of the cypress

Maketh a sound like unto a chorus of angels.

Through the rugged oak and royal cedar

The Earthly Mother hath sent a message of Eternal Life

To the Heavenly Father.

My prayer goeth forth unto the tall trees:

And their branches reaching skyward

Shall carry my voice to the Heavenly Father.

For each child thou shalt plant a tree,

Tthat the womb of thy Earthly Mother

Shall bring forth life,

As the womb of woman doth bring forth life.

He who doth destroy a tree

Hath cut off his own limbs.

Thus shall sing the Children of Light,

When the earth again shall be a garden:

Holy Tree, divine gift of the Law!

Thy majesty reunites all those

Who have strayed from their true home,

Which is the Garden of the Brotherhood.

All men will become brothers once again

Under thy spreading branches.

As the Heavenly Father hath loved all his children,

So shall we love and care for the trees

Yhat grow in our land,

So shall we keep and protect them,

That they may grow tall and strong,

And ftll the earth again with their beau ty.

For the trees are our brothers,

And as brothers,

We shall guard and love one another.

STARS

The white, shining,

Far seen Stars!

The piercing, health-bringing, Far piercing Stars!

Aeir shining rays,

Their brightness and glory

Are all, through thy Holy Law,

The Speakers of thy praise,

O Heavenly Father!

Over the face of heaven

Did the Heavenly Father hurl his might:

And lo! He did leave a River of Stars in his wake!

We invoke the bright and glorious Stars

That wash away all things of fear

And bring health and life unto all Creations.

We invoke the bright and glorious Stars

To which the Heavenly Father

Hath given a thousand senses,

The glorious Stars that have within themselves

The Seed of Life and of Water.

Unto the bright and glorious Stars

Do we offer up an Invocation:

With wisdom, power and love,

With speech, deeds and rightly-spoken words,

Do we sacrifice unto the bright and glorious Stars

That fly towards the Heavenly Sea

As swiftly as the arrow

Darteth through heavenly Space.

We invoke the bright and glorious Stars,

T'hat stand out beautiful,

Spreading comfort and joy

As they commune within themselves.

The Holy Works,

The Stars, the Suns, and the many-colored Dawn

Which bringeth on the Light of Days,

Are all, through their Heavenly Order,

The Speakers of thy praise,

O thou great giver, the Holy Law!

We invoke the Lord of the Stars,

The Angel of Light,

T'he ever-awake!

Who taketh possession

of the beautiful, wide-expanding Law,

Greatly and powerfully,

And whose face looketh over

All the seven and seven Kingdoms of the Earth;

Who is swift amongst the swift,

Bountiful amongst the bounteous,

Strong amongst the strong,

The Giver of Increase,

The Giver of Sovereignty,

The Giver of Cheerfulness and Bliss.

We invoke the Lord of the Stars, The Angel of Light,

Who is truth-speaking,

With a thousand ears and ten thousand eyes,

With full knowledge, strong and ever-awake.

The Heavenly Order pervades all things pure,

Whose are the Stars,

In whose Light the glorious Angels are clothed.

Great is our Heavenly Father, and of great power:

His understanding is infinite.

He telleth the number of the stars;

He calleth them all by their names.

Behold the height of the stars!

How high they are!

Yet the Heavenly Father doth hold them in his palms,

As we do sift the sand in ours.

He who knoweth not the Holy Law

Is as a wandering star

In the darkness of an unknown sky.

Thinkest thou there is but one way

To see the ftrmamen t?

Suppose ye the stars were but broken places in the sky

Through which the glory of heaven is revealed

In fragments of blazing light!

In the purple night

Traversed by the continual Stars

Shall the souls of the Children of Light

Take wing and join the Angels of the Heavenly Father.

7len shall the Etemal Sea

Reflect the shining glory of the heavens,

And the branches of the Tree of Life reach to the Stars.

Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven

Fill all the earth with Glory,

And the shining Stars of the most High

Shall blaze within the hearts of the Children of Light

And warm and comfort the seeking sons of men.

THE MOON

Unto the luminous Moon

Which keepeth within itself

The seed of many species,

Let there be invocation

With sacrifice and prayer...

When the Light of the Moon waxeth warmer,

Golden hued plants grow up from the earth

During the season of Spring.

We sacrifice unto the New Moons

And unto the Full Moons;

The crescent of the New Moon is full of holy Peace

We sacrifice unto the Angel of Peace.

The radiant and luminous Moon

Keepeth within itself the seed:

The bright, the glorious,

The water-giving,

The warmth-giving,

The wisdom-giving,

The thoughtfulness-giving,

The freshness-giving,

The healing one, the Moon of Peace!

With silent and peace-giving light

The Moon doth shine

Upon the pastures, the abodes,

The waters, the lands and the plants

Of our earthly garden.

The Moon and the Sun,

The holy Wind and the Stars without beginning,

Self-determined and self-moved,

All are regulators of the Holy order,

of the days and nights, of the months and years.

The face of the Moon doth change its aspect,

Yet is ever the same:

As the Holy Law doth reveal a different face

To each of the Children of Light,

Yet is unchanged in its Essence.

We invoke the New Moon and the Moon that is waning,

And the Full Moon that scattereth the Night,

And the yearly festivals and the seasons of the Heavenly Father.

For it was he who gavest the moon

Her increase and her decrease,

T'hat through her we might know the movements

Of the day and of the night.

Thou silver and luminous moon!

We are grateful that we may look on thee,

And see in thy reflection

The blessed face of our Earthly Mother.

Among the world of the sons of men,

The Brothers of Light are flames of radiance,

As the stars pale in the presence of the bright and shining moon.

The moon walketh in brightness across the sky,

And delight in the Holy Law doth fill our hearts.

Peace, Peace, Peace,

Holy Angel of Peace,

Illumine the silver moon with thy holiness,

That all may look upon its beauty

And feel thy eternal Peace.

The desert sky is blue with night,

And we see the first ray of the New Moon

Chaste and beautiful.

Then do the Brothers greet one another,

Saying, "Peace be with thee!

Peace be with thee!"

PSALMS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

I am grateful, Heavenly Father,

For thou hast raised me to an eternal height,

And I walk in the wonders of the plain.

Thou gavest me guidance

To reach thine eternal company

From the depths of the earth.

T'hou hast purified my body

To join the army of the angels of the earth

And my spirit to reach

The congregation of the heavenly angels.

Thou gavest man eternity

To praise at dawn and dusk

Thy works and wonders in joyful song.

O all ye works of the Heavenly Order,

Bless ye the Law:

Praise and exalt the Law above all for ever.

O ye heavens, bless ye the Law:

Praise and exalt the Law above all for ever.

O ye Angels of the Heavenly Father,

And ye Angels of the Earthly Mother,

Bless ye the Law:

Praise and exalt the Law above all for ever.

O all ye waters that be above the heavens,

Bless ye the Law.

All ye powers of the Holy Angels,

bless ye the Law.

ye sun and moon, bless ye the Law.

ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Law.

every shower and dew, bless ye the Law.

all ye winds, bless ye the Law.

ye fire and heat, bless ye the Law.

ye winter and summer, bless ye the Law.

ye light and darkness, bless ye the Law.

ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Law.

ye nights and days, bless ye the Law.

ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Law.

ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Law.

all ye things that grow on the earth, bless ye the Law.

ye fountains, bless ye the Law.

ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Law.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters,

Bless ye the Law.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Law.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Law.

O ye children of men, bless ye the Law.

O ye spirits and souls of the Children of Light,

Bless ye the Law.

ye holy and humble workers

In the Garden of the Brotherhood, bless ye the Law.

O let the whole earth bless the Law!

O give thanks unto the Heavenly Father,

And bless ye his Law.

O all ye that worship the Law,

Give praise unto the Heavenly Father

And the Earthly Mother,

And all the Holy Angels,

And give unto them thanks,

For the Law endureth for ever.

We worship the Law by day and by night.

Hail to the Heavenly Father!

Hail to the Earthly Mother!

Hail to the Holy Angels!

Hail to the Children of Light!

Hail to our holy Father Enoch!

Hail to the whole of Holy Creation that was, that is, or ever shall be!

We sacrifice unto the bright and glorious stars,

We sacrifice unto the sovereign sky,

We sacrifice unto boundless time,

We sacrifice unto the good Law

Of the worshipers of the Creator,

Of the Children of Light

Who labor in the Garden of the Brotherhood;

We sacrifice unto the way of the Holy Law.

We sacrifice unto all the Holy Angels

Of the world unseen;

We sacrifice unto all the Holy Angels Of the material world.

·give thanks unto the Heavenly Father, for he is good,

·give thanks unto the God of the Angels,

·give thanks unto the Lord of Light,

For his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders,

To him that by wisdom made the heavens,

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters,

To him that made great lights in the heavens,

To him that made the sun to rule by day,

And the moon and stars to rule by night,

Give unending praise and thanksgiving,

For his mercy endureth for ever.

And we do worship the ancient and holy religion,

Which was instituted at the Creation,

Which was on the earth in the time of the Great Trees;

The holy religion of the Creator,

The resplendent and the glorious,

Revealed unto our Father Enoch.

We do worship the Creator,

And the Fire of Life,

And the good Waters which are Holy,

And the resplendent Sun and the Moon,

And the lustrous, glorious Stars;

And most of all we do worship the Holy Law,

Which the Creator, our Heavenly Father,

Hath given to us.

It is the Law which maketh holy our dwelling place,

Which is the wide green earth.

Praise ye the Law!

The Law healeth the broken in heart,

And bindeth up their wounds.

Great is the Law, and ofgreat power;

The understanding of the Law is infinite.

The Law lifteth up the meek,

And casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Law with thanksgiving,

Sing praise upon the harp unto the Law,

Which covereth the heaven with clouds,

Which prepareth rain for the earth,

Which maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

We praise aloud the well-thought Thought,

The Word well-spoken,

And the Deed well-done.

We will come to thee, O ye bountiful immortals!

We will come to thee, extolling and invoking thee,

Angels of the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother!

We do worship the Holy Lord of the Heavenly Order,

The Creator of all good creatures of the earth.

And we do worship the utterances of our Father Enoch,

And his ancient, pure religion,

His faith and his lore, older than the beginning of time.

We will sing unto the Law as long as we live,

We will sing praise unto our Heavenly Father

While we have our being,

While the Garden of the Brotherhood doth endure.

Our Comrnunions with the Angels shall be sweet;

We will be glad in the Law.

Bless thou the Law, O my soul.

Praise ye the Holy Law.

The Children of Light love the Law,

Because the Law heareth our voices

And our supplications.

An all-hearing ear hath the Law inclined unto us,

Therefore will we call upon the Law as long as we live.

The Law hath delivered our souls from death,

Our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling.

We will walk before the Law in the land of the living:

In the paths of the Infinite

Garden of the Brotherhood.

The days of the sons of men are as grass;

As flowers of the field, so they flourish.

For the wind passeth over them, and they are gone:

But the mercy of the Law is from everlasting

To everlasting upon them that follow it.

Bless the Heavenly Father, all ye his Angels;

Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works,

In all places of his dominion:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Heavenly Father, thou art very great!

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment,

Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain,

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters,

Who maketh the clouds his chariot,

Who walketh upon the wings of the wind,

Who maketh his Angels spirits,

His Children of Light a flaming fire

To kindle the Truth in the hearts of the sons of men,

Who laid the foundations of the earth.

Bless the Heavenly Father, O my soul!

LAMENTS

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

And let my cry come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me

In the day when I am in trouble;

Incline thine ear unto me;

In the day when I call answer me speedily.

For my days are consumed like smoke,

And my bones are burned as a hearth.

My heart is smitten, and withered like grass;

So that I forget to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning

My bones cleave to my skin.

I am like a pelican of the wilderness;

I am like an owl of the desert.

I watch, and am as a sparrow,

Alone upon the house top.

My days are like a shadow that declineth;

And I am withered like grass.

O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:

The heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure.

The first step taken

By the soul of the wicked man,

Laid him in the evil thought hell.

The second step take

By the soul of the wicked man,

Laid him in the evil word hell.

The third step taken

By the soul of the wicked man,

Laid him in the evil deed hell.

The fourth step taken

By the soul of the wicked man,

Laid him in endless darkness.

I know that thou canst do all things,

And that no purpose of thine-can be restrained.

Now mine eye seeth thee,

Wherefore I abhor myself,

And repent in dust and ashes.

.For the wicked sons of men

Have sinned against themselves,

And their hell of evil thoughts, evil words and evil deeds

Is a hell of their own making.

But my anguish and my bitter tears

Are for our ancient fathers,

Who sinned against the Creator,

And were banished

From the Holy Kingdom of the Great Trees.

Wherefore I weep, and hide my face in sorrow,

For the beauty of the Lost Garden,

And the vanished sweetness of the song of the Bird,

Who sang in the branches of the Tree of Life.

Have mercy upon me, O God,

And cleanse me from my sin.

The joy of our hearts is ceased,

Our dance is turned into mourning.

The crown is fallen from our head:

Woe unto us, that we have sinned!

For this our heart is faint,

For these things our eyes are dim.

Thou, O Heavenly Father, remainest forever,

'Ay throne from generation to generation.

Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,

And forsake us so long time?

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord,

Renew our days as of old.

Where there is no righteousness or compassion,

There wild beasts of the desert shall lie;

And their houses shall be full of doleful creatures.

And owls shall dwell there,

And satyrs shall dance there.

And the wild beasts shall cry in their desolate houses.

Wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness;

Hide thy face from my sins,

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,'

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;

And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy Infinite Garden,

And uphold me with thy Holy Angels.

Let me drive away all evil things

And all uncleanness,

From the fire, the water,

The earth, the trees,

From the faithful man and the faithful woman,

From the stars, the moon, the sun,

From the boundless Light,

And from all good things,

Made by thee, O Heavenly Father,

Whose offspring is the Holy Law.

By the rivers of Babylon,

7here we sat down, yea, we wept,

When we remembered Zion.

We hanged our harps upon the willows.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a wicked land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,

Let my right hand forget her cunning.

If I do not remember thee,

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth;

For Babylon is the slavery in the world,

And Zion is the freedom in the Brotherhood.

O Lord, to thee will I cry!

For the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

And the flame hath burned All the trees of the field.

The beasts of the field cry also unto thee:

For the rivers Of waters are dried up,

And the fire hath devoured

Yle pastures of the wilderness.

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:

For the d'ay of the Lord cometh,

For it is nigh at hand;

A day of darkness and gloominess,

A day of clouds and of thick darkness,

A day when the earth shall quake,

And the heavens shall tremble.

The sun and the moon shall be dark,

And the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Out of the depths will we cry unto thee, O Lord!

Lord, hear thou our voices!

PROPHECIES

Hearken unto me, my people,

And give ear unto me!

Lift up thine eyes to the heavens,

And look upon the earth beneath:

For the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,

And the earth shall wax old like a garment,

And they that dwell therein

Shall die in like manner:

But my Kingdom shall be for ever,

And my Law shall not be abolished.

And in that day hell shall enlarge herself,

And open her mouth without measure:

And the glory, the pride and the pomp of the wicked

Shall descend into it.

And the mean man shall be brought down,

And the mighty man shall be humbled

As the fire devoureth the stubble,

And the flame consumeth the chaff;

So their root shall be as rottenness,

And their blossom shall go up as dust.

Because they have cast away

The Holy Law of the Heavenly Order,

And despised the word of the Children of Light.

And in that day, one will look unto the land

And behold only darkness and sorrow,

And the light in the heavens shall be darkened.

The leaders of the people shall cause them to err,

And they that are led of them shall be destroyed.

For every one is an hypocrite and an evil doer,

And every mouth speaketh folly.

Wickedness burneth as the fire:

It shall devour the briars and thorns.

It shall kindle in the thickets of the forest,

And shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

Through the wrath of the Law

Shall the land be darkened,

For this hath man wrought upon himself.

And the people shall be as the fuel of the fire:

No man shall spare his brother.

Woe unto them that have kept not the Holy Law!

Woe unto the crown of pride!

Woe unto those who lust after the things of the world,

And corrupt themselves with wrongdoing,

Who err in vision, and stumble in judgment:

For they are a rebellious people, a lying people,

People who will not hear the Law of the Lord:

Which say to the seers, see not,

And to the Prophets, prophesy not unto us right things,

But speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees,

And that write grievousness which they have prescribed.

Woe unto them that join house to house,

that lay field to field,

Till there be no place that a man may be alone

In the midst of the earth!

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning,

Not to commune with the Angels,

But to follow strong drink, and continue until night,

Till the fumes of the wine inflame them!

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil,

That put darkness for light, and light for darkness.

Woe unto them

That turn aside the needy from judgment,

And take away the right from the poor,

That make of widows their prey, and rob the fatherless!

Wherefore it shall come to pass

That the hand of the Lord shall lop the bough

With the judgment of the Law,

And the high ones of stature shall be hewn down

And the haughty shall be humbled.

Howl ye, for the day of the Law is at hand;

It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Therefore shall all hands be faint,

And every man's heart shall melt.

And they shall be afraid:

Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them;

They shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth:

They shall be amazed one at another:

T'heir faces shall be as flames.

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh

Cruel both with wrath and fierce anger,

To lay the land desolate:

And he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

It shall come to pass in that day,

That the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones,

And the kings of the earth upon the earth.

And they shall be gathered together,

As prisoners are gathered in the pit,

And shall be shut up in the prison.

And the Lord shall come forth out of his place,

And will come down,

And tread upon the high places of the earth.

And the mountains shall be molten under him,

And the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire,

As the waters pour down a steep place.

Then the moon shall vanish, and the sun be obscured.

And the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof

Shall not give their light:

The sun shall be darkened in its going forth,

And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

And the Lord will shake the heavens,

And the earth shall remove out of her place,

In the day of the wrath of the Law,

In the day of the fierce anger of the Lord.

And the shining cities shall be laid waste,

And wild beasts of the desert shall lie there;

The hay shall wither away, the grass shall fail,

And in all the earth there shall be no green thing.

In that day shall the strong cities

Be as a forsaken bough,

And a tempest of hail

Shall sweep away the refuge of lies,

And the angry waters

Shall overflow the hiding place of the -wicked.

And there shall be upon every high mountain,

And upon every high hill,

Rivers and streams Of waters

In the day of the great slaughter,

When the towers fall.

in that day shall the light of the moon

Be as the light of the sun,

And the light of the sun shall be sevenfold.

Behold, the name of the Law cometh from far,

Burning with hot anger,

And the burden thereof is heavy:

The lips of the Lord are full of indignation,

And his tongue is as a devouring fire.

He shall show the strength of his arm,

With the flame of consuming fire,

With scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled,

For the sons of men have turned away from the Law.

The city of confusion is broken down:

Every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

There is a crying and wailing in the streets:

All joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

And it shall come to pass,

That he who fleeth from the noise of the fear

Shall fall into the pit;

And he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit

Shall be taken in the snare:

For the windows from on high are open,

And the foundations of the earth do shake.

The earth is utterly broken down,

The earth is clean dissolved, The earth is moved exceedingly.

Then the moon shall be confounded,

The sun shall be ashamed,

And the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,

And shall fall, and shall not rise again.

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved,

And the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll:

And all their host shall fall down,

As the leaf falleth offfrom the vine,

And as a falling fig from the fig tree.

The waters shall fail from the sea,

And the rivers shall be wasted and dried up.

Streams Of water shall be turned into pitch,

And the dust thereof into brimstone,

And the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

And the smoke shall not be quenched by night or day,

And no man shall pass through it.

But the cormorant and the bittern

Shall possess the land;

The owl also and the raven shall dwell in it.

And there shall stretch out upon it

The line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom,

But none shall be there,

And all her princes shall be nothing.

And thorns shall come up in her palaces,

Nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof.,

And it shall be an habitation of dragons,

And a court for owls.

The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly,

And the highways shall lie waste.

The glory of the forests shall be consumed,

And the fruitful field;

Yea, the trees shall be so few,

That a child may count them.

Behold, the day shall come,

That all that is in the earth,

And all that which thy fathers have laid up in store,

Shall be carried up in smoke,

For ye have forgotten thy Heavenly Father

And thy Earthly Mother,

And ye have broken the Holy Law.

oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens,

That thou wouldst come down,

T'hat the mountains might flow down at thy prese

When thy hand showed forth the power of thy Law

Thou camest down in fury:

The mountains flowed down at thy presence,

And the melting fires bumed.

Behold thou art wroth, for we have sinned.

We are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest,

Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

We trust in vanity, and speak lies;

Our feet run to evil,

Wasting and destruction are in our paths.

We grope for the wall like the blind,

We stumble at noon day as in the night,

We are in desolate places as dead men.

But now, O Heavenly Father, thou art our father:

We are the clay, and thou our potter,

And we are all thy people.

Thy holy cities are a wilderness,

Thy forests are consumed,

All thy earth is a desolation.

Our holy and beautiful house

Where our fathers praised thee,

Is burned up with fire.

Even the ancient lore of our Father Enoch

Is trampled in the dust and ashes.

And I beheld the earth, and, lo,

It was without form, and void;

And the heavens, and they had no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,

And all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, there was no man,

And all the birds of the heavens

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness,

And all the cities thereof were broken down

At the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.

For thus hath the Lord said,

The whole land shall be desolate;

Yet will I not make a full end.

Behold, the hand of the Law is not shortened,

That it cannot save;

Neither is the ear of the Law heavy,

That it cannot hear:

From out of the desert shall I bring forth a seed,

And the seed shall be planted

In the Garden of the Brotherhood,

And it shall flourish,

And the Children of Light shall cover the barren land

With tall grass and trees bearing fruit.

And they shall build the old waste places:

They shall repair the waste cities

The desolations of many generations.

They shall be called the repairers of the breach,

And the restorers of paths to dwell in.

They shall be a crown of glory on the head of the Lord

And a royal diadem in the hand of the Law.

The wilderness and the solitary place

Shall be glad for them,

And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly,

And rejoice even with joy and singing.

The eyes of the blind shall be opened,

And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart

And the tongue of the dumb shall sing

For in the wilderness shall waters break out,

And flowing streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool,

And the thirsty land springs of water.

And an highway shall be there, and a way,

And it shall be called the Way of the Law:

The unclean shall not pass over it,

But it shall be for the Children of Light

To cross over the Eternal River unto the hidden place

Where standeth the Tree of Life.

And the children of men shall return to the earth,

And come unto the Infinite Garden

With songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness,

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away,

And it shall come to pass in the last days,

That the mountain of the Lord's house

Shall be established in the top of the mountains,

And shall be exalted above the hills;

And all the sons of men of the earth shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say,

'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

To the tabernacle of the Holy Law,

And the Holy Angels will teach us

of the ways of the Heavenly Father

And the Earthly Mother,

And we will walk in the paths of the righteous:

For out of the Garden of the Brotherhood

Shall go forth the Law,

And the word of the Lord from the Children of Light.

And the Lord shall judge among the nations,

And shall rebuke many people:

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

And their spears into pruninghooks:

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

Neither shall they learn war any more.

Hear the voices of the Brothers,

Which cry aloud in the wilderness:

Prepare ye the way of the Law!

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be exalted,

And every mountain and hill shall be made low:

And the croz)ked shall be made straight,

And the rough places plain:

And the voice of the Heavenly Father shall be heard:

1, even I, am the Law; and beside me there is no other.

Yea, before the day was I am he:

And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Hearken unto me, O Children of Light!

I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth,

And my right hand hath spanned the heavens.

Hearken unto me, O Children of Light!

Ye that know righteousness,

My children in whose hearts is my Law:

Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:

The mountains and the hills

Shall break forth before you into singing,

And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Arise, shine, O Children of Light!

For my Light is come upon thee,

And thou shalt make the Glory of the Law

To rise upon the new earth!