

they could come down to man's level and deliver their message. Failing to find a prophet as a suitable channel, they had to select some *visible* means of communication, hence, the *Tabernacle* and the *Holy of Holies*.

Under the New Dispensation, through the *at-one-ment* of Jesus, the Christ, man is lifted to a higher plane, restored to the lost Paradise, made equal with the angels, becomes begotten of the "Spirit of the Living God," with which he can have free and direct communion without the intervention of angel, prophet, or visible channel of communion.

The gulf between the Old and the New Dispensation is defined by Jesus, the Christ, in reference to John, the Baptist: "For I say unto you, among those that are born of woman there is not a greater prophet than John, the Baptist; but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he." St. Luke vii., 28.

For man to go back to the Old Dispensation, to spirit communion through the instrumentality of a medium, when through the New Life Force created by the Christ, he can have free and direct communication with the Most High, is to *sell his birthright*.

The Tree of Life, growing before the Throne, bearing its *twelve* manner of fruit, Rev. xxii., 2, symbolizes the *twelve* groups of mental faculties in man. The Christian Church was first planted by the Christ, in the spiritual nature of man, but has since been transferred by the authorities of the Church to the *Affections*.

Personal love for the 'Son of Mary' is the pivotal point of the creeds and dogmas of the Christian Church of to-day

In the progressive evolution upward of the breath of lives, in man, there comes a time when his desires and aspirations for Intellectual and Spiritual food will be stronger than his love for "Personalities" or for "Ritual," no matter how exalted the former, or how ancient and imposing the latter. The Christian Church, in failing to recognize this fact, engrafted in the very nature of man, from the beginning, sowed the seeds of her own destruction. Spiritual darkness is her portion. Decay and death her destiny.

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven; this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." Acts i., 10, 11.

Of the spiritual darkness in the Christian Church what further proof is needed than that, now, nearly twenty centuries after the emphatic declaration of the Messengers of the Most High that the same Jesus should come again, *in like manner as he ascended*, the Church is still looking for his second advent *in the flesh*.

For the proof of the decay and death of the Christian Church we have but