

the desire and will of both; truth in the inward as well as in the outward parts ceased to exist; the life, or light currents ceasing to flow in the proper channels, in unison with and in harmony with the immutable laws of the Immutable One, separation of body, soul and spirit from God took place, and as all falsehood, and all false things are out of the harmony existing in the Godhead, and cannot exist in unison with it, they are cast off as the inert or dead matter is from all living things; there is not and there cannot be any true unison, therefore the day Adam transgressed he sowed the seeds of dissolution, destroyed the avenues of light by diverting it to hide iniquity, and blindness ensued: he disarranged the avenues of sound, the voice of God became a terror, his still small voice, so full of music and love, could no longer be heard except through the thunder tones of Sinai. The tendrils of the heart once so sensitive, so fully embalmed in light and love, and so prompt in its sympathy, is in Cain seen transformed into adamant. Heart and soul and mind, body soul and spirit, are seen to be a perfect wreck, and dead to all that is beautiful, pure, and true; thus Adam and his posterity became dead before God.

#### DEATH OF THE EARTH.

The soul of Adam being of the earth life the *pollution* that resulted through the disobedience of Adam polluted the life of the whole world, and every additional transgression deepened the iniquity, just as a drop of ink or poison will destroy the purity of the water we drink, and no additional quantity wash out that pollution, but every additional drop of the evil deepens it; thus the life of the world and all allied to it, in earth and sea and sky became polluted through the transgression of Adam. It was the spirit life, as the head, that failed to do its duty, to protect, guide and control the earth life or soul, and thus allowed itself to be swallowed up in the general destruction, just as the drunken pilot who, regardless of chart and compass, allows his vessel to be swept into the yawning abyss from which none but an Omnipotent arm can extricate him.

Every violation of an innate law, is, in the nature of things, a penal offence, and the punishment death; that iniquity be removed, that it should not be a seed descending and developing from father to son as seen in the antediluvians. If it had been a son of Adam that had been the first to transgress he could have been cut off and the iniquity removed, and the race been perpetuated through other branches of

the family, but there stood no one between Adam and his Creator; there was not another soul or *earth life* blended with spirit life, through whom he could, in the language of Job, ch. 16, 21., "plead with God as a man pleadeth for his neighbor," as Moses interceded for the Israelites when they transgressed. Neither was there any spiritual head except the Son of God, his creator, in the wide universe, who had any direct interest in Adam's restoration to the favor of the Father and the Almighty. Yet without that restoration the offspring of the Son of God would have become extinct; he would have none to do him homage in earth or heaven, and his dominion would be a waste or blank in the universe.

The Son of God, the creator and spiritual head or *father* of Adam could legally redeem him, but alone through making an atonement for the body and soul as well as for the spirit, which could only be done in a body and soul of the elements of this earth, out of which the body and soul are formed, moreover as the whole earth life was polluted Christ must therefore suffer for the "sin of the world," John 1, 29., to cleanse it as well as all things created of it from the pollution brought upon it by Adam, and thus, through Christ Jesus, "all things are become new;" 2 Cor. 5, 17. The spirit life, the ordained head over the soul was led captive by it. Therefore in a restoration the *spirit life* must necessarily overcome the *earth life*, and thus the soul be brought under due subjection to the spirit nature. To accomplish that end the Son of God came down from his Father's mansions and took possession of a soul and body formed by the creative energy of the Holy Spirit of *earth life*, through the Virgin Mary, of which he took possession, as the Star that guided the wise men from the east, and in it, as the Son of God, grew up to be the Son of Man also, and as the Son of man "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man;" Luke 2, 52., in a knowledge of those temptations incident to this life; "he was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin;" Heb. 4, 15.; that touched with a feeling of our infirmities he could, as a friend and brother intercede with the Father in our behalf and equitably judge all that transgress.

It is thus seen that a perfect man is one in whom the divine or spiritual nature is illuminated by the spirit through which it can see and clearly understand what it is right and wrong for it to do; just as through the eyes of the soul or earth life we perceive danger or difficulty and can understand how to avoid or overcome it.