

with Jesus Christ, even as he is "one" with our Creator; in accordance with his very remarkable prayer to that effect—"Father, I pray not for these [few apostles] alone, but for all them that shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us."—John XVII, 20, 21. When this great truth is clearly understood; the force and accuracy of another remarkable saying of Jesus Christ is also easily perceived:—"and this is life eternal; that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent;"—for, as soon as we "know" our Creator as simply the mind, or spirit, of our earth; and Jesus Christ as simply our Great Representative of Unity and Order, or, our "Lord of hosts" (as already explained), of course, we know assuredly that we possess "eternal life," as certainly as we know that we at present possess natural life, or animal life. The above statements are further confirmed by the declaration of the apostle Paul that "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."—Romans VIII, 16, 17.

The science of geology carries us back to a time when our earth was burning its surface, as the sun is now; and the Bible assures us that "the elements shall [again] melt with fervent heat—and the earth, and the works that are therein, shall be burnt up" again. As our earth has certainly become a habitable world, (as it is at present) after having been burnt up so many thousands of years ago; it is but reasonable to conclude that our earth will also become a habitable world again, after it shall "be burnt up" again some thousands of years hence; that, in short, our earth is alternately a habitable world, and alternately a burning world. That the sun also is alternately a habitable world and alternately a burning world. The great central world, and the revolving planets, in a solar system, being alternately sources of light and heat; either to the other; and alternately habitable worlds, *ad infinitum*. The various forms of animal and vegetable organism being re-created at each successive Alternation, by the creative mind which originated (or was multiplied by means of such organisms) during the previous Alternation; for instance, our Creator (or our Heavenly Father) is simply the creative mind which originated upon earth during the previous Alternation, precisely as the human mind now originates upon earth during the present Alternation; and, of course, the human mind now originating upon earth must eventually develop into the creative mind of the next Alternation; as certainly as the children of the present generation must develop into the parents of the next generation.

It is the sudden realization of this grand truth, which is represented as causing the more advanced minds upon earth at this time to exclaim, in addressing our Creator, "doubtless Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not."—Isaiah LXIII, 16.