

means the sun; he represents the conditions of kings and great personages; his "smile" is his influence upon good fortune; and his "congratulation" signifies his bounty for any body's prosperity.

In continuation: "When I arrived at, and entered, the fifth heaven, I happened to have a view of hell; and I saw a black region, and on its borders was seated a terrific and dark Angel, who was engaged in the business of punishing bad men." That is, "the fifth heaven, with its angel," signifies "Mars"; this planet denotes the state of criminals and of blood-shedding men; and by "hell" is understood any account and description of the conditions which are appropriated to them.

"Moreover, when I entered the sixth heaven, I saw an angel sitting upon a throne of light, occupied with counting his prayers by beads, and with uttering benedictions; he had wings, and curls set with jewels, pearls, and rubies. I bowed before him, to which he returned blessings and congratulations, and wishes of joy and prosperity, and said: 'I give thee perpetual blessing.'" That is, "the sixth heaven," and "its angel," signifies "Jupiter"; and he relates to persons of rectitude, abstinence, and knowledge; his "wings and curls" signify his light and rays; and his "blessings," his auspicious influence; for he bestows great felicity, and all sorts of good proceed from him.

To proceed: "When I attained the seventh heaven, I saw an angel seated upon a throne of red rubies; not every one had access to him, but he who approached him found a kind treatment. I made my reverence, and he returned an answer by blessing me." This is understood to be "the seventh heaven," and "that angel" was Saturn. He is averse to greatness; but, whatever impression he makes is perfect and entire; and when he shows favor it is greater than any other; "every one cannot approach him"; that is, it happens seldom that one falls in with a fortunate situation, but, if it occurs, the happy result is such as to surpass all others.

In sequel: "When I proceeded, I arrived at the heavenly mansion of the angel Jibril; I saw a world full of light and splendor, and such was the effulgency that my eyes