

and that (1 John, 2, 2), he became a propitiation not only for our sins, but also for "*the whole world.*" It will therefore be restored to its original life, vigour and perfection, and the seeds of death that exist in it be removed. Then *St. Paul* states (1 Cor. 15, 54.) should be brought to pass the saying that it is written, death is swallowed up in victory, in the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ, when he shall (1 Cor. 15, 26) destroy death. The curse of death being removed, *St. Paul* states, verse 52, that therefore the living who are faithful in Christ Jesus shall have an endless life, commencing with their birth; that when their probation on earth would end they are summoned to their father's home above. There will be no corruption in the grave; *they will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, that is, be translated* like Enoch and Elijah from the life in this world to the life eternal in their father's mansions in glory; death will have no sting, then, and the grave no victory. Therefore "Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, small and great." And *St. John, Rev. 19, 6*, heard as it were the voice of a great multitude as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

THE LAW OF DEATH.

In regulating the transactions between man and man, and between nation and nation, a system of numerals has been adopted, in which certain relative values are assigned to each. An examination of the system teaches us that two of the first make one of the second, and three of the first one of the third. That law of progression is not an arbitrary law that can be altered by any man, any nation, or by the consent of all nations; neither by the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, because it is innate and as self-existent and immutable as the *Infinite One* from whom it originated. And as He is Infinite life and the origin of all true things, any violation of any true law must inevitably result in death to the person or thing affected. For example, if a sovereign should alter in the least the relation that exists between the numerals referred to—should proclaim that in all future calculations that nine ones should make ten, a perfect chaos would result to all calculations, a *bottomless pit* of ruin would be the inevitable fruit that would develop to every interest affected. Moreover, every calculation ceasing to be true, would cease to have value, would cease to have life, would actually be dead. Canada at the present time affords a

striking example of the evils resulting from a change of relative values in its monetary transactions. A certain weight of gold is called a dollar, and a certain weight of silver one dollar; but England, to whom the dollars are all eventually paid, and as well the Government of Canada, refuse to accept the silver in payment except four per cent. is added for the acknowledged value. The result is that as a large amount of the currency in which payments are made is silver, that four per cent. of a large portion of the earnings of the industrial classes of the country is annually lost and dead to them; and as five per cent. is the ascertained *net* savings of each of the peoples of France, England and America, it is evident that those classes or *usurers* who in their transactions with the other absorb that four per cent. are utterly destroying the life of others.

It can be seen, if that per centage were ten in place of four the destruction of the interests or well-being, which in this connection is the life of the country, would be much more rapidly developed, and absolute ruin and death more speedily ensue, which also teaches the important fact that evil as well as good is a development that, like a tree, gradually grows broader and higher, to overshadow with good or evil as it may be good or bad. Therefore the necessity of working out the *bearings* of a law, before it is established, to its ultimate consequences, when, if it can be seen to have a continually compensating return of action from the limits of its influence to the source of its power, as typified in all God has created, it will be a good and perfect law, developing in beauty from age to age; if it cannot be established as good by such data, it is sure to be evil. The ruler that can understand to establish none other but such laws will be a wise and perfect (Isaiah ch. 42, 19) ruler. He will not, however, like the Pope of Rome, profess infallibility, but will be able to show that God's laws are *infallible*, and to the apprehension of all wise men; for Daniel, ch. 12, 10, says the wise shall understand in what way they should apply in securing peace and prosperity to individuals and nations throughout the whole earth. "and the isles shall wait for his law."

As absolute *chaos* in all calculation immediately results from the violation of true laws of numeration, the result of any violation of true law is to cast the whole subject matter into chaos, which is truthfully described by *St. John, Rev. 9, 1-2*, as the "*bottomless pit.*" And the same prophet describes the re-establishing of true laws, *Rev. 20, 5*, as their resurrection to life, and the end of the misery,