

the activity of the complete circle of the twelve groups of faculties. Upon this rock, this circle of faculties constituting the spiritual and mental planes in man is built the church, which "*the gates of hell shall not prevail against.*"

While to *Peter* were given the *keys* of the kingdom of heaven, *John* was permitted to *see* the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, and to see more clearly, while in the spirit, symbolically, the completion of the mission of the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," the "Root of David," viz., the manifestation of the UNIVERSAL MIND, the UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE to those on the lower plane through activity of the higher or spiritual faculties possessed by man since the beginning.

The seven higher faculties symbolized by *John*, while in the spirit, the function of which is to bring man into more intimate communion with his Maker, together with the five lower, the function of which relates to man on the *physical* plane, the activity of which comes through obedience to the five commandments given by Christ in his Sermon on the Mount, complete the circle of the *twelve* groups of faculties.

Five of these groups, those on the lower mental plane, in the relationship between man and man, are, of necessity, to a greater or less extent, in constant activity; but the seven higher, or spiritual faculties, in the present condition of the Christian world, are "*as if slain.*"

The *Bible*, the book that touches nature at a greater