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PREFACE,
BY HOLY MOTHER WISDOM

I am Infinite Wisdom. I dwell with the Eternal Father and have known all things and transactions of both good and evil spirits on the earth and in the heavens, ever since the beginning and creation thereof. I know the mighty power of the devil and the Almighty power of God. I know the hosts of hell and I know the greater and stronger hosts of heaven.

I also know the cunning craftiness of evil spirits and the great influence they have on the souls of mortal creatures and especially upon the young and inexperienced mind.

These things have I long viewed with sorrow; but God, whose power is Almighty, whose mercy endureth long, will not always be mocked by men nor devils; for in his own time, he will set all things right; and none shall say aught against his holy work.

It was by the humble cries and supplications of your Father Joseph, that I decided to have My word written, to the youth in Zion on earth, as it stands on the following pages of this Little Book; concerning which I give the following orders, to be noticed and kept by all whom the Elders may see fit to grant a privilege to read it.

No Book, wherein My lessons and true promises are written, shall be kept over four hours, without the special liberty of the Elders of the family.

Neither shall it be taken out of the dwelling house without the same special liberty.

When individuals have the loan of this Book, they are required by My Wisdom, to keep the fear of God; to have their words few and to have no lightness or carnality whatsoever.

When the four hours are expired, the borrower must, if possibly consistent, return the Book into the hands of such as have the immediate care and oversight of the same. And if no others have applied for it, the same may take it four hours longer and so continue to return and ask for the same until satisfied.

WORDS OF HOLY MOTHER

As order is heaven's first law; so must all things that pertain to heaven be strictly kept in heavenly and perfect order.

I am ETERNAL WISDOM and in My wisdom have I stated the order for souls to keep in regard to this Book and if any should break My orders, they lose My blessing and unless they confess their carelessness and beg My blessing to their Elders, it shall not rest on them.

What I have given to be written in this Little Book, may, by liberty of the Lead, be committed to memory, which will prove a strength and protection to all such as will faithfully keep the same, in all they say and do, which must be in perfect union with the Lead.

Some will be exposed to say, that these are small things for Holy Mother to send unto us. I should not think that she would take any trouble about such small affairs.

Beware, I say and let not the tongue of any mortal give form to words of such an evil disposition; for all souls will yet find, that before they enter the kingdom of peace and happiness, these things, that I have caused to be written herein, will appear of the greatest importance unto them.

By the true light and gift of God, much of which I have herein spoken, has been revealed to your blessed Mother Ann and taught by her and her companions, in the first commencement of their work and labors in the gospel.

And as a witness to them and to the truth of their teaching, both by word and example, do I require this little work to stand holy and sacred in the hands of their children in time.

HOLY MOTHER WISDOM.

LESSONS OF HOLY WISDOM,

Given for the Young and tender Youth in Zion.

SECTION 1

1. By disobedience to the command of God, man transgressed in the beginning and thereby displeased his Creator, bringing darkness and sin upon himself and his descendants.

2. Thus his children, by the same spirit of disobedience, were in a state of darkness, until the Sun of Righteousness descended from the throne of mercy, to teach the way and will of God to the lost children of darkness in time.

3. The Sun of Righteousness was Christ, a Savior of souls; a Prince of light and power to all who would deny themselves and follow him freely.

4. The Prince of Light received from the Eternal and Holy Father, a sure promise of Eternal Life; to give to the sons of men, if they would walk in obedience to the will of God, as taught by him.

5. Thousands believed in him and such as obeyed his word, to the giving up of all, have obtained the promise and are now enjoying the same in the mansions of their Heavenly Father's house, arrayed in garments of holiness and bright glory.

6. The lovely Son, having faithfully finished his work below, returned to his Father and took his seat on the right hand of power to judge the souls of men, leaving the new and living Testament of eternal light, life and truth, by which he judged all until his second appearance on earth, with the gospel of complete salvation from sin.

7. Unto such as hear, receive and obey the gospel of righteousness, as revealed in the second appearance of Christ, the promise is renewed, the hope is enlivened and far greater strength, protection and power is given, than souls had ever before received since the creation of the world.

8. By the pure testimony and light of God, given in the gospel of self-denial, all souls will be judged, who hear and receive faith in the same, whether obedient or disobedient thereunto.

9. Election to Eternal Life is given to all souls; but this election is not sure; (that is, it does not ensure salvation to the soul) for souls in the present state of the world, are more easily influenced to evil than to good, being by nature born under the veil of darkness and entirely foreign from and destitute of the true spirit of godliness.

10. All souls who are called to deny themselves and bear the cross of Christ, are elected to Eternal life. And such as do faithfully bear the cross and hold out to the end, will, by so doing, make their election sure.

11. To obtain complete salvation from sin and gain a full victory over an evil nature, is a great thing and consequently requires a full sacrifice to be made, of all that is natural and earthly.

12. It is far better for souls who are called to the trial in time, than for those who are not; provided they are willing to endure the purifying fire of the gospel furnace.

SECTION 2

1. Gold is valuable, when well refined at the mine; and much is thought thereof.

2. Souls are valuable, bright and glorious, when well refined and tried in time. They are thought much of by God, the Holy Father and placed first in his kingdom of glory.

3. The first step of rising from the death of the spirit, to everlasting life, after being convicted of the works of death, which is sin, is honestly to confess the same to the living witnesses of God, established in the true order of his Eternal Wisdom.

4. Without honest confession, no soul can ever find acceptance with God, or even taste his loving mercy and enjoy his lasting peace.

5. After confessing, repentance is needful, to prove unto God the sincerity of the soul and wash away the stains of sin.

6. True repentance is a forsaking of all sin and a continual prayer for the mercy of God, without which no soul can be forgiven.

7. To travel easy in the gospel and make the swiftest possible progress towards the kingdom of righteousness and peace, is to keep a close union and joining to the body of the Church of Christ.

8. Never try to run on ahead, before the main body of good believers and above all, never fall back; but keep close up and be in the gift.

9. The greatest travel, comfort and blessing a soul can gain, is to be found being up and alive in every gift; feeling united in spirit and as a result the main body is strengthened and Zion is built up and adorned.

10. There is a Lead in Zion to which all souls must gather and look for help, strength and support. This is the order of God and not of man; and no soul can run outside of this order without losing the blessing and protection of God.

11. God pours his blessing and love on such as keep a close union and a free spirit of honesty to the Lead. And where all do this, all will receive alike; for God is not partial.

12. If souls are disobedient to the leading order of God, they at once fall behind and lose the blessing that the obedient share and enjoy.

13. By disobedience man fell into slavery and bondage unto death; and now by obedience, man can rise, if he will, to liberty, life and bright glory.

14. Seek the glory of heaven and that which is earthly will disappear and flee from your desire.

15. Be wholly given up to do the will of God and Satan will stand afar off, knowing you to be the servant of a mightier power than his.

16. Boast not of thy righteousness; but rather show the same by keeping silent and fearing God, who is able to smite with his hand of judgment, both the righteous and the unrighteous.

17. Do the will of God and despair will never enter thy soul, nor discouragement block thy way.

18. The willing and obedient shall have no occasion to say that they are the worst of all souls.

SECTION 3

1. The root of all evil is seen in such as walk hand in hand with pride and self-exaltation.

2. When souls give way to envy and malice, Satan is at the door and is well pleased to see them.

3. Say not to thy friend, there are weeds in your garden, when thy own is choked with the same; but rather look at home.

4. Learn wisdom while young and her paths will always appear beautiful and inviting.

5. Wisdom is meek and lowly in spirit: she loveth righteousness and delighteth in the will of God.

6. Perseverance and diligence are worthy companions in the pursuit of salvation. Seek to walk with them in all you do.

7. Many words are not profitable, for leanness cometh thereby and the spirit is made faint.

8. All power is with God: stand firm for HIM and HE will deliver thy soul from all harm.

9. Love is food to the soul: seek that which cometh of God, pure and holy.

10. Faith is a gift of God: nourish it by good works and it will make thy soul to shine with glory.

11. Faith is a consuming worm to disobedient souls, who deny the same, by seeking to cover it in the ways of darkness.

12. Thou dost well to praise God with thy tongue. Let not the same member speak blasphemy, nor give form to ungodly words of vanity.

13. Devote thy whole soul to learn the way of truth and no lie shall pass thy lips, nor deception blind thy soul.

14. Deception is the inroad of Satan and leadeth many vices into the soul of man. Let no sin enter thy spirit upon this path.

15. The honest hearted are marked with meekness and are found in the low valley of innocence.

16. Purity shines like the morning sun; so doth the spirit of all such as stand in true justification before God and man.

17. Obedience is the true path to happiness and comfort and the soul that walks therein, doth glow like the fair morning rose.

18. Tribulation is sweet to the seeker after righteousness. It is the staff of humility and a handrail to honesty.

19. Humility is a beautiful robe, wherewith all faithful souls are clad, in the work of regeneration.

20. Sincerity of soul in the work of redemption is worth mountains of gold. The offerings of the sincere are sweet smelling flavors to the Father of heaven.

21. Innocent babes are emblems of the redeemed. It is good to love innocence though ye are not redeemed; yet, such as love innocence will seek to be likened thereunto.

22. Ye despise the wicked ways of sin; yet seek to walk therein by speaking evil one of another. This ought not to be; for it is the main spring of mischief and hard feelings, one against another, which is base wickedness to reign in the souls of Zion's children.

SECTION 4

1. Idleness is the sure road to destruction and misery; and souls that walk therein, will find an inexpressibly great work to do, before they can enter the bright kingdom of peace and rest, in the world to come.

2. Carelessness is the door to poverty and want. Never open this door, lest ye stumble on the rough threshold thereof and fall into the pit of wretchedness.

3. By your works, words and ways ye will surely be judged; then how careful ye should be to walk uprightly and speak in the fear of God, at all times.

4. Idle words proceed from the fullness of the heart; and a tree is known by the fruit it brings forth.

5. A fool loveth vanity; his talk is like an empty sound and hath no force at all; therefore flee from the course of vanity.

6. Praise thyself by good works only. More than this is uncomely in the sight of men and giveth them no chance to speak in thy behalf.

7. Seek not to display any great talents in time; for that belongs to and is of the children of darkness; by which they gain glory one of another; but have none of God.

8. He that humbleth himself before God shall rise to everlasting glory that never faileth.

9. Order is the creation of beauty. It is heaven's first law and the protection of souls.

10. Keep all things in order, as keeping the law of heaven; and keep the order of Zion, that heaven may protect you.

11. Union is the cement wherewith souls are joined to the fountain of all good and sealed to the gospel of pure love.

12. Charity is a heavenly gift of God. As ye freely receive, so freely give. If ye have not this charity, ye are counted mean in the sight of God and are as empty bubbles.

13. If ye have not charity, the day will come, when ye shall cry aloud for help and receive none: for God will remember your covetousness.

14. Prudence is the servant of wealth. Plenteousness abounds where prudence takes her residence; and want is driven far away to the abodes of wastefulness.

15. Prudence provides stores for charity to give to the poor; clothes to cover them and food to sustain them.

16. Prudence claimeth a right in Zion. Be careful not to offend her, for she is a spirit that hath great favor in the sight of God; therefore hearken ye to her voice and obey the counsel she giveth thee.

17. Thankfulness is the favorite of prudence and is careful to save all that God giveth, both of spiritual and temporal things.

Let thankfulness reign in thy breast.

That of thy God thou may be blessed.

18. Contentment is a sign of resignation to the cross, with which all faithful souls are marked. It fills the honest soul with comfort and happiness.

19. Let contentment dwell within thy breast. Be subject thereunto; for it is a lovely guest.

SECTION 5

1. Seek not to explore the world to view the high mountains and low valleys, or rivers and lakes: for ye have a far better calling than that, to labor in.

2. Ye are called to be separate from the world; then seek not converse with the wicked subjects thereof.

3. Ye cannot leave the world behind unless ye wholly reject the wicked ways thereof.

4. Righteousness is found in Zion and it never can be found elsewhere; therefore seek it where it is to be found.

5. The pleasures of nature and time have no part with those of the world to come.

6. The true cross-bearer forsakes the pleasures of time and curbs the strong desires of nature. Such souls feast upon the love of God and taste the sweet pleasures of Eternal Life in the world to come; yet dwell in a house of clay.

7. Thou sowest thy grain, but reapest it not, nor enjoyest the increase thereof, until the stalk is dead; the kernel still liveth. Thy body is a stalk which dieth; but the spirit liveth.

8. If thou plant thy faith in a good soil, it will yield to thy spirit a great increase of gospel fruit in abundance; and thou shalt taste the goodness thereof in time. But the final harvest is in the world to come, after the stalk to thy spirit is decayed.

9. Faithful souls have no terror in death, but rejoice over the sting thereof, because of their faithfulness to God.

10. The grave boasteth no victory over the faithful child of Zion; but the devil is put to shame when the grave is opened to receive the body.

11. When faithful souls are taken from the scenes of time, they greatly rejoice in the beauty of their heavenly mansions and their everlasting treasure in the Eternal world.

12. The sinner hath no confidence to stand in the light of God: but the faithful hath no lack.

13. Temptation hath many bright charms of pleasure; but all pleasure is fading, except that which is gained by the cross.

14. If ye will have honor of worldly men, which lieth down with the body, in the bosom of the earth; then ye do not gain the honor of God, which never faileth through all eternity.

15. Seek the durable riches and bid farewell to the unprofitable things of time.

16. If a tree leaneth over the water the fruit will drop therein. Bend thy spirit heavenward, that thy fruit may fall therein and be for thy comfort hereafter.

17. Consider all eternity: it is a journey without end: therefore lay up stores therein, to support you in time of need.

18. Ye who are called while young, to travel in the work of God and prove faithful unto the end, ye shall be the bright glory of heaven and the sweet flowers of paradise.

19. No soul is counted faithful whose sin is covered in the heart. Gain and hold fast the principle of honesty, for God knoweth the secret heart of all souls, both in time and eternity.

20. Pray without ceasing, lest ye be taken in sin. The tempter of souls is always ready to allure the young mind and lead it astray.

21. Seek wisdom in early life and pray that she may lead thee in the true path of thy duty.

22. Be temperate and do not go to excess in any calling or duty. Wisdom doth not mark her ways by intemperance; but with prudence she claims the virtue of temperance; and the thankful heart shall be blessed of Wisdom.

23. Love meekness; for this is a strong virtue. Pride will make no tarry with meekness: but it will instead flee away to the high minded zeal.

24. Love patience, for it is a virtue of the greatest importance to support the soul, when heavy trials bear thereon.

25. If persecution should meet you, ye would stand a poor chance without patience. God is love and power and patience claimeth a right in both of these. Therefore if ye have patience, ye have the love and power of God; and in times of persecution, this is worth all things else.

26. Pray for them that hate you and love your enemies. This ye are required to do; but ye cannot do this, unless ye have patience.

27. Simplicity should have a place in thy heart and soul: this beautifies the child of God.

28. Simplicity is needful in conversation; it forbids high flown words and guides the tongue in wisdom, to speak in simple language.

29. Zion's children are called to speak with a new tongue. Simplicity is in the voice and in wisdom it giveth form to its words.

30. Simplicity scorns pride and is far from mincing steps and stiffened joints.

31. Pride belongs to the devil; it sprang forth of lust and is a crown for evil spirits: shun it as deadly poison.

32. Selfishness is disgusting to charity: it belongs to the sons of darkness and not to the children of gospel light.

33. Put selfishness far away, or ye cannot lay up a treasure in heaven and assist in the upbuilding of Zion.

SECTION 6

1. Spiritual devotion is a necessary employment. It draws the mind to a sense of the Almighty Father and his mercy and charity to souls. It enlivens the spirit of thankfulness, invigorates the mind to faithfulness and strengthens the true children of Zion in bonds of pure love and union.

2. The worship of God is made beautiful by the true devotion of the worshipper. When all are sincerely devoted, the power of God is strong; his peace, love and blessings are guaranteed to be felt in abundance. But ye must make your offerings in spirit and in truth; else ye had better make no attempt, for it is not a trifling matter.

3. To devote the whole feelings of soul and body to God, requires a giving up of all that belongs to the regions of darkness; pride, bondage, self-will, fleshly affections and carnal desires, with all feelings of covetousness, or hankering after the honor, wealth and vain glory of time.

4. There never was a soul and never will be one who stands in true justification in Zion, but who could or might feel the flowing of the spirit in the worship of God. Hear ye my word; for I am Eternal Wisdom.

5. The power of God cannot be gained at all times without a struggle and labor; many times it will require a deep labor, in order to satisfy the soul.

6. If ye cannot always readily gain the power of God by laboring for it, so as to be able to feel it, either inwardly or outwardly, you must search your heart and find out the cause. Enquire of your conscience; and that will inform you.

7. The conscience is a journal and a ready writer. All you do, is inscribed therein. That which is of the greatest importance, either good or bad, takes the heaviest inscription and is the longest retained.

8. Always strive to have as little sin as possible written on the conscience; for it takes the waters of true repentance to wash away such writings; and these waters have to be bought with a price.

9. Good spirits daily read the consciences of Zion's children. How else would they so readily know who to bless?

10. The more good the justified spirits can read in the conscience of each soul, the more pleased they are to bestow their love, blessing and peace thereon. So strive to get all you can and entertain them by your good works, which they read from the journal of your conscience.

11. Evil spirits read the conscience of souls, when they can get a good chance; and if they can find much sin written thereon, they say one to another: "This soul seems to be on our side; I love to read such writing because it is plain to be understood. I guess we shall have this one before long."

12. There is a good spirit set to guard each soul of Zion's children in time. Evil spirits come upon the soul with temptation and if the soul resists the temptation and unites with the good spirit, to drive away the evil one, there is always sufficient power to overcome and put the tempter to flight.

13. On the other hand, if the soul should unite with evil and give way to sin, the good spirit will withdraw from the soul, until the evil one is satisfied. Then the good spirit will return and make the soul feel ashamed of the act of sin and cause the impression to be heavy on the conscience. After this, the Angel will whisper closely to the soul, showing it how to find forgiveness; which is by honest confession and repentance.

14. When ye are tempted and overcome with sin, ye feel guilt and remorse and ye know that honest confession is the only requisite to find a release from stored up guilt. Don't give back, flinch, or run away because of the cross of confession; if you do, the evil one will soon lead you to the pit of hell and there you will burn with inward horror and condemnation. So hearken to the word of Eternal Wisdom and always keep your conscience clear, by honest confession, which is mortifying and crucifying to the man of sin.

15. Mortification and humbling oneself by different ways and means is profitable; it helps subdue an evil nature more than anything else.

16. Without mortification, your spirit can never be made to shine with glory. The fruit of mortification is holy; therefore love it and bear it patiently.

17. You may gain mortification by your own exertions, when you assemble to worship God, by exercising, motioning, bowing and bending, sometimes speaking your faith and making good promises: mortification gained in this way, is very good.

18. It is better to gain it so, than to have your Elders prescribe and put it upon you. If you do not gain it by your own exertions, your Elders will either have to help you to it, or else you will escape it; and if you escape it, you will surely escape entering the kingdom of bright glory.

19. This is true, for I am **INFINITE WISDOM**; I know these things and have known them from the very beginning. I speak nothing but truth and Eternal truth it is. I give it in simple language that ye may all understand and withal obey unto everlasting happiness, or disobey unto condemnation and misery.

20. The spirits of mankind are so much swallowed up and sunk in the works of nature, pride, lust and fleshly affections, that true Godliness is not to be found among them; but it is found in the Church of Christ and its Branches, which is a burning light unto all nations and a city of truth, into

which all souls must enter, if they ever find God and wish to gain Eternal Life and be redeemed from sin.

21. The children of the Church of Christ are not numbered with the children of mankind at large: but they are the children of the New Jerusalem and they are numbered and their names are written in the **BOOK OF LIFE**.

22. A record is surely kept of the lives of all souls; and ye whose names are entered and written in the **BOOK OF LIFE**, will be tried by the record of your own lives. If ye are found wanting in that day of trial, better would it have been for you had there been a millstone tied to your necks and ye were cast into the sea, before your names were written in the **BOOK OF LIFE**.

23. Therefore, in mercy to your souls do I warn you to faithfulness and obedience to the gospel, wherein ye have sufficient light and knowledge to direct you in the true path of your duty; and ye will all be left without excuse in the end.

24. Ye should often think of the greatness of your calling and privilege in the only true way of life.

25. The morning of righteousness has but just begun to dawn; and ye, O ye little ones of your Mother, have been called at an early hour of the day. Look a thousand years forward and consider the souls who will be called to the gospel. They will look back to your days on earth and by them ye will be considered even among the first founders of the work of God in time. Amen.

Holy Mother Wisdom.

HOLY MOTHER WISDOM'S PROMISES

To the Youth in Zion

Given on condition of their faithfulness

1. Little children in Zion, hearken ye to the voice of Wisdom and get understanding; for I have conveyed and given you my word for this purpose, that ye might have frequent access unto the same and learn wisdom from my sayings.

2. Where are the souls of men or women that have greater light and knowledge of the spirit than ye have? Ye know not, neither is there any on the shore of time, who dwell in tabernacles of clay and breathe the mortal breath of life.

3. This knowledge is unprofitable to you, unless you make a wise and godly use thereof. If ye choose to walk in true and humble subjection to the Holy Laws and to the light and knowledge of God given unto you, the day will come when your thankfulness will be greater than you can express.

4. In that day will I clothe you with garments shining bright as the noonday sun: then will I say to you, be joyful; for your glory has but just begun.

5. Wars and tumults shall overspread the earth: kingdom shall rise against kingdom and nations shall split, subdivide and fall to ruin: the mountains shall burn, the valleys sink and the watery deep shall cast up mire and foam. Earthquakes shall shake with great fury and lay in desolation districts, countries and cities; yet amidst all this, the faithful soul shall be protected from harm; but woe to the unfaithful, who slight and take lightly the offers of God to their souls: I promise them nothing but a burning in hell.

6. These things do I know; for I ever have been, am and ever shall be Eternal Wisdom who knows all things, ever before, now and hereafter. Therefore listen and understand My word. Consider the great importance of being faithful; for I say unto you, that:

7. Fierce wars and tumults shall betide
and fill the earth from end to end.
Nations may split and subdivide,

And kingdoms all in pieces rend.
Though mountains burn and valleys sink,
Or oceans cast up foam and mire,
And heave and toss from brink to brink,
And earthquakes rage at God's desire.

8. But clouds of darkness will overspread,
And through the troubled sky shall roll.
While lighting fleet gleams overhead,
And thunder peal from pole to pole.
Fierce hurricanes shall sweep the land,
And skim the deep from shore to shore;
Tornadoes rend the coral strand,
And set the world all in uproar.

9. Fear not all this for God is just,
And will protect His faithful few;
And mockers all shall be accursed
And in that day shall get their due.
Though you may not all live to see
These frightful times and awful scenes;
But do be faithful unto me,
And ye shall all know what it means.

10. I'll gather you within my arms,
Who faithfully in Zion dwell,
And guard you from such dire alarms,
And many worse, that lie in hell.
I'll clothe the faithful with my love,
Who patiently endure all things;
And unto God, in heaven above,
I will anoint them priests and kings.

11. Hear ye my word, for true I am,
One with the Father, in his power:
And faithful souls of Christ the Lamb,
I will protect each trying hour.
Tho' Satan with his ireful hosts,
Break from the burning scenes of hell,
With battle arms invade the coast,
The very spot whereon ye dwell;
12. And raging like the hurricane,
On every side to persecute,
And get you scattered over the main,
And Zion's walls strive to pollute:
Fear not all this, but stand ye fast,
Like pillars of strong adamant,
And trust in God for he can blast
The angry hosts which Zion haunts.
13. God is with me and I'm with God,
And ever was and ever will be.
We have all power to use the rod,
To rend the earth and spill the sea.
All of heaven is at our command;
We speak thereto, it doth obey:
And what is earth beneath our hand?
It is but one light ball of clay.
14. We formed the earth by our own power,
We have dominion over the same.
We can dissolve it any hour,
With an all-bright Eternal Flame.
We formed the sun, the day to light;
We formed the brilliant starry maze.

We also formed the queen of night,
To shed on earth her gentle rays.

15. We did give birth unto expanse,
Which none but we can comprehend;
And in a moment we can glance
Our eyes there through, from end to end,
Of any part, or world therein;
Thousands of which we twain did build.
Long before this earth we did begin,
Before you lived or even willed.

16. We laid the course of all these things,
Which ever move at our command,
Like lighting swift upon their wings;
At our desire they all do stand.
Our voice they dare not disobey,
Lest we in vengeance melt them down;
But thereunto, from day to day,
They soar and glide and roll around.

17. Now think of this, ye helpless worms!
Ye little specks of mortal clay!
Since at our word all heaven turns,
Dare ye presume to disobey?
Dare ye presume to scoff at God?
And mock and scorn his holy power?
Beware, I say, lest with his rod
He smite your souls in that same hour.

18. O little children, could you know
The call of mercy unto you,
You'd sacrifice all things below,

And cast off nature clear from you.
 The world with its alluring charms
 Of pleasure false and vain delight,
 Its riches, husbands, wives and farms,
 Would be disgusting in your sight.

19. Therefore subdue each vain desire
 Of worldly fading things below.
 With all your might strive to acquire
 A treasure where you soon will go.
 And if ye will all things endure,
 And drink the cup that is for you,
 Eternal Life ye will secure:
 This is the word of Wisdom true.

20. The glory of the faithful soul,
 No mortal mind can ever conceive;
 But in the heavens it is enrolled,
 And all who will, can yet receive.
 By faithfulness, that glory is sure,
 Which, like a long eternity,
 Forever is and will endure:
 Consider now this word from me.

HOLY WISDOM'S LAST WORDS

1. Hearken, read and obey my word, O ye young and tender youth in Zion! For I am ETERNAL WISDOM and my word is the same (Eternal Wisdom).

2. In union with God, the Almighty, by request of your Father Joseph Meacham who bowed low before me, in deep tribulation, have I caused my

word to be given for you to study and learn, in Union with your Visible Lead, whose full Union I also have, in sending it to you.

3. Remember this is my love and desire for your increase in Zion. Keep my words and lessons sacred: learn and practice them by good works and they will be worth more than mountains of gold unto you.

4. Never did I see your Father Joseph Meacham (who has already passed into the land of spirits and remains in my presence) rejoice with much greater Joy, on your account, O children of Zion on Earth, than he did when my swift-winged Angel of love read him this little book I have now sent forth unto you: after which, I bade the Angel to give this sentence concerning your Father's Joy, to be written with the rest, that you might know that he was thankful in your behalf and that he truly acted the part of a Friend and Father to you.

5. He bowed low, he shouted in thanks; and I made him welcome and poured my love and blessing on him and called him my faithful servant. And all souls that will obey my word I will call my faithful servants; I will crown them with my love, I will bless them with my blessing and they shall be shod with the almighty power of God and wield the sword of Eternal Truth, before which no enemy can stand.

6. Yea, I say unto you (for I am Eternal Wisdom and have a right so to do)

That faithful souls shall surely ride
On chariots of fire over wind and tide.
Through heaven's vast unbounded space:
Their enemies they shall give chase.
With banners flying and unfurled,
Ye shall explore the heavenly world;
Shouting the victory over sin,
Which once your souls were swallowed in.

7. O ye little ones, ye must think of these things and put discouragement far away when trials and sore afflictions roll upon you, like the heavy billows of the watery deep, that vent their fury on the solid rocks. Like these rocks

stand unshaken, that ye may obtain the promises I have given for such as are faithful and hold out to the end.

8. God never had a people on earth, who were accepted of him in eternity, before he had well tested and proved them true and faithful. He hath proved those who have gone before you and he will prove you and those who follow you.

9. So shrink not from the battle, but bravely fight the good fight of faith; and in the end, as the Son of God did say, so shall you say, I have overcome the world.

10. Drink, yea, patiently drink the cup of sufferings that is measured out for you, of which ye have but lightly sipped, for ye are young.

11. Consider the whole **universe**, the many nations therein and the many and countless (in your human earthly terms) millions of souls that constitute the same. Consider all that have been emancipated from the body, to the eternal regions, since the foundation of your world; and that all of them need the gospel as much as you do.

12. Many of them have, indeed, received the gospel; but the number is few in comparison to those who still sleep in their sins, both on earth and in eternity.

13. Consider again my work. All souls who enter the true kingdom of everlasting happiness have firstly to subdue their fallen, corrupt natures by the cross; and in the narrow path they must walk, even as ye have been shown and taught while still on earth.

14. Those who have gone before you in the gospel, have suffered for you. And ye must suffer for those who come after you.

15. If ye prove faithful in suffering, ye shall be honored by those who come after you. Yea, I say unto you, ye suffer not only for yourselves, but for unborn millions upon millions do ye suffer; for so did your Parents before you.

16. Ye are nigh unto your Mother, even called to be her children's children. Ye shall be held in great esteem by later generations, if ye will be faithful. I speak of the present generation, in the year **1842**.

And now my word is ended and I say, Amen.

Holy and Eternal Mother Wisdom.

The swift-winged Angel of Love that revealed the foregoing pages of Holy Wisdom's Word, by her liberty and in Union with the Visible Lead, seals or closes the work by his own word, as written upon the following pages.

Thus saith the Angel of Love:

1. I am a bright, swift-winged Angel from the realms of light; from the bowels of Wisdom I came forth. My experience is great, you will see, if you will hearken a moment unto me.

2. I was an Angel of Wisdom's delight long before this earth was formed, or dust was fashioned into man. Many worlds before this I have seen and beheld; some bright, some dark and some that were empty and void: of such I have nothing to say.

3. But listen awhile to my words; for Wisdom hath spoken unto me and that which I please, I may give and write, little ones, unto you.

4. Wisdom is great and knoweth all things: all tongues of the earth she doth know; and

In a plain language she has written to you:
Receive ye the word, for it is holy and true.

5. I have seen the ways of man from the beginning; I know they are darkness and sin.

6. I have seen the valleys sink; mountains burn and islands flee away at the appointment of Almighty God.

7. Many cities, large and strong, I have seen crumble into dust beneath the power of God's strong hand.

8. Thousands of years have I lived and walked, soaring in the heavens above, singing to my God with delight: Yea,

With many bright Angels of Wisdom's pure love,
Have I passed and re-passed through the heavens above.

9. Thousands of souls have I seen, who were, in time, mean and wretched vagabonds, chained in darkest misery and hell too awful to relate. And many of these wretched souls were such as rebelled against the light of God that now shines in time: that light wherein you dwell, unto whom I now speak.

10. Little children, I am an Angel of Love and to love the faithful souls in the work of God, is my greatest delight; *at pres ten de ren son vista*.

11. In the late work of your blessed Parents, I have been much interested in performing kindnesses, preparing love and rich presents for them to give unto you.

12. The heavens have indeed been opened for your sakes and ye have received much good therefrom. Hold fast thereunto and be ye exceedingly thankful.

13. I see the awful gulf of misery wherein many of you, yea, even all of you would finally have landed, if ye had continued in your own ways a few years longer.

14. Although you had good and faithful Elders to teach you; you did not hearken to them; but went on from day to day, in, I can say nothing better than your own ways; seeking ease and indulgence to your fallen natures.

15. Now you may think this to be rather strange for an Angel, that never before spoke to you, to tell about your own ways and that too, of my own accord.

16. But little ones, I speak truth and that alone. I know your own ways and where they will land you, if you do not forsake them.

17. I know the way of life, wherein ye are called to travel; and if ye fall therefrom by stumbling on the rock of disobedience, ye will land in the bosom of hell.

18. But I need not say much concerning these things; ye have the word, the truth and the light; and if ye walk not therein, ye will not find happiness and comfort.

19. I could tell you many things concerning the world of spirits; but as I belong to Eternal Wisdom, so do I share a portion of Her Wisdom; and it is necessary to use Wisdom in these things, as well as in others.

20. I think you have sufficient knowledge of the spiritual world for your present good. If ye have too much knowledge thereof, it will tend to create uneasiness within and manifest a spirit of discontentment. If ye knew too much thereof, ye would not be as well satisfied as ye ought to be in time and ye cannot go forward, until your work is done below. Therefore I say unto you, if ye knew too much of the spiritual world, ye would be no comfort to yourselves, nor to others in time.

21. So be ye contented and thankful to your God. I must draw to a close soon, for I know there has been enough said. I only intended to speak as a witness to the truth of all that you have received from the Eternal Regions of Light and Glory; for I know that God is good and that all good floweth from Him and what He has given you is good; this ye know; therefore say it is of God. Amen, even so let it be.

The Swift-Winged Angel of Love

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A Worldwide Kingdom of God and Zion of His Likeness on Earth (Daniel 2:44).

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Equality of the Genders, Equality in Labor, Equality in Property, Temperance in all things,
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