

THE  
DIVINITY OF HUMANITY

THE CORNER-STONE OF  
THE TEMPLE OF THE FUTURE

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#### FACTS FOR CHRISTENDOM

1. Man, in the order of his creation, has a two-fold life, — an animal life, represented by his propensities or natural inclinations; and a Divine emotional life, represented by manifestations of goodness, mercy, and aspirations which extend towards God.

2. Jesus Christ was the first to live the Divine life, the Christ life, to the *total exclusion* of the “Adamic”, or the lower animal life in man. Hence, he was the first Christian; and became so by bearing his cross against the emotions of his lower life and by traveling to the new and higher life. He was the firstborn of many brethren; the first who was fully quickened by the Spirit, resurrected, rose above and triumphed over the power of the natural propensities, which he had in common with us all and through *which* he was tempted like unto his brethren whom he came to redeem. He taught the absolute necessity of being born again, — born into the Divine emotional life. When this is accomplished, then all old things are done away.

3. There is a people called Shakers who are begotten again and make it the business of their lives to strictly guard their thoughts words and actions so “that the evil one touches them not.”

4. The Church of Christ on earth is composed of such, and none else.

5. They are the Church militant; and why is this? The reason they are the Church militant is because they are in a state of active hostility and opposition against the earthly element within their own souls.

6. Christ's mission into the world was to save his people from (not in) their sins, by placing them (as above stated) in a state of hostility and opposition against their lower inclinations within themselves. “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me.”

7. The Roman, Greek and Protestant Churches are not of, nor do they belong to, the True Church of Christ; because, they are not in a true state of hostility and opposition to the earthly element above alluded to.

8. If they were in a state of hostility and opposition to all evil, they would not commit sin.

9. They do commit sin.

10. Therefore, “By their works shall they be known.” They war and fight etc., as the Russians of the Greek Church, the French of the Roman Church and the British of the Protestant Church.

11. A Jewish Christian Church and a Gentile or Pagan Christian Church, did once exist at the same time.

12. The Jewish Christian Church had all things in common: they did not marry, they abstained from war, they possessed the power of resurrection, — of rising out of the earthly element into the heavenly or Christ sphere. All within that sphere were saved from sin and with them rested the spirit of Christ; and all who came into that spirit had their sins remitted on earth and, as a matter of necessity, in heaven also.

13. The Pagan Christian Churches, not only were not a continuation of the True Church, but they were not even an integral part thereof: they were distinct and separate bodies and were not admitted into the True Church, but were merely allowed as an outer court thereof. The Pagan Church held private property, married, held slaves and practiced war. It was this outer court Pagan Church that ultimately scattered the power of the Holy people, — the power that saves

from sin; assuming authority and standing where it ought not in the Holy place. All “Holy things” were eventually trodden under foot by them while they counterfeited and faked the Christ-Power and so became Anti-Christ.

14. The Pagan Church was composed of many sorts of people (just as it is at this day), — foolish Galatians, carnal Corinthians (see Romans 1), guilty of deeds “not even named among the heathen.”

15. In the second century, a great schism took place in the Pagan Christian Churches: the then bishop of Rome excommunicated all the bishops of the East, because those of the East would not eat lamb when he ate it. Those of the East excommunicated the bishop of Rome in return; nullifying thereby the whole Pagan Christian Church, but the truth remains that “Christ is not divided.” Both parties remained obstinate in quarrelling over the slaughtered lamb and are not reconciled to this day (Protestants and Catholics). Hence there are two popes in Christendom at the present hour of this writing, — the patriarch of the Greek Church and the papa, or pope, of Rome. Since it is the nature of parts to possess the properties of the whole, if the Gentile Christian Church possessed infallibility when it fell into two parts the infallibility property must have been split into two also. And when the Roman Church fell into two, under Luther and Calvin, each part must, in the nature of things, have retained (if there was any) its share of infallibility.

16. The Greek and Roman churches of today are the lineal descendants of the said Pagan Christian Church. The Protestants are fragments of the Roman Church and bear the same relation to it as parts do to a whole; and as water cannot penetrate a rock, but can find a way among its fragments, hence there is more light, progress, personal and spiritual freedom and security of life, in Protestant than in Catholic countries. Therefore, it is desirable that a perfect solution of the rock and its fragments may take place in order that minds may be set free, so that the Power which creates all things anew, may, without prevention or hinderance, bring forth the New Heavens and the New Earth, in which shall dwell righteousness.

17. The Greek, Roman and Pentecostal Churches shall bear no relation to the True Church of the latter day. In the True Church, all members in all locations learn the art of war no more and the cannon's terrific blast and roar is not heard within its borders.

18. Come, then, ye who desire to be good men and women true, of all sects and parties, of all colors, of every region, of all religions and of no religion and raise a voice. Lift a hand, to bring about the reign of Christ's Love and Universal Peace on earth. Undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, bind up the broken-hearted and give deliverance to the captive in order that all may share equally in God's blessings along with all other Shakers.

19. Jesus and the first Christians brought forth the Divine form of human life, — none rich, none poor. Such a form of life we Shakers enjoy. “The Spirit says come”; and we say come. The foundations of the New Heavens are laid and the mansions are ready. The qualifications are, put off the ragged garments of sin and uncleanness; and be clothed with a beautiful garment of purity, innocence and peace, and learn day by day the Law of Heaven, — to love the neighbor at the expense of self. The opposite of Heaven is the love of self at the expense of others.

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### **FOUNDER**

Ann Lee, the Bride of Christ (1736-1784) of Manchester, England.

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#### **Virgin Purity, Peace, Justice and Love**

Expressed Through: Celibate Life, Complete Confession and Forsaking of all Sin,  
Non Resistance, Community of Goods and Divine Order.

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and Ann Lee, Immortal Life, Progress of the Soul, Faithfulness, Lawfulness,  
Equality of the Genders, Equality in Labor, Equality in Property, Temperance in all things,  
Justice and Kindness to all Living Beings.

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The Head of the Shaker Order is Christ.  
Represented in a Dual Order of Leaders, Ministry Elders and Trustees.

### **COMMUNITY**

Serious Minded and Competent individuals who vow to never deny  
the Father God, the Mother Wisdom, the Son Jesus Christ or the Daughter Ann Lee.

### **SHAKER MOTTO**

Hands to work, and Hearts to God.—ANN LEE

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