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AN UNDERWORLD EXPERIENCE.

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KORAH, DATHAN AND ABIRAM.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. — John 5:28-29.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. — 1 Peter 3:18-20

Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. — 1 Peter 4:5-6.

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. — Matthew 12:40.

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1. Tuesday night, I retired to rest in usual health, and just as I was becoming lost in slumber, something gave me a start, as though one had taken hold and given me a shake, which aroused and impressed me with awe. I raised up in bed and perceived three Spirits about me. They asked me if I would speak for them, or speak their word, for they had a message to communicate. I felt opposed and requested them to go to someone better qualified to do them justice. They said they were sent to me. I asked them if they would tell me who they were. They answered that they supposed I had read about them in the Scriptures, and that their names there, were Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (See Numbers 16).

2. It had been a long time since I had read or thought of the circumstance, but this brought fresh to mind their rebellion against Moses, and increased my repugnance to having anything to do with them. I reflected that whenever in my younger years, I had indulged a rebellious feeling towards my Elders, I had honestly confessed and repented of it, and did not know why such spirits should come to me. But they perceived my thoughts as fast as they formed, and answered to my objections that sometimes gifts were for the good of others than the person speaking, and that whatever there was about it I could not understand, would be made clear to me as I went along.

3. As my opposition had increased, their power was the more manifest, until I felt that I was in the hands of a mighty agency against which it was no use for me to strive. My own volition was completely bound, accompanied with a feeling of horror too great to describe. I then said "If it is the will of God I will do it." They replied "It is the will of God." I said — Then I will do it if

it takes my life." When I came to this resolution, I was restored to my former state of free volition. They then proceeded to relate in substance as follows, Korah being the speaker.

4. The Scripture account is mainly correct so far as it goes, except in the statement that Moses was wroth. This was not so. Moses was one of the meekest of men, as is there written, and instead of being wroth, he fell on his face and mourned and wept for us. The people looked upon this as weakness and we called him an "old fool."

5. We three were particular friends. We had been jealous of Moses' authority for some time, but dared not to manifest it until Aaron and Miriam opposed him. This circumstance emboldened us, and gave us a start. After this, we frequently came together to talk about it. We were descended from as high families as he, were of the same tribe, were well educated, possessed more property and I, at least, was older than Moses. We esteemed our own judgments to be as good as his, and did not relish that Moses should, as it then seemed to us, set himself up as King over us all. We and others, often met together to converse upon these things, and strengthen each other by manifesting our discontent, until it gained quite a hold, and spread among the people.

6. When the movement had become, as we thought, sufficiently strong, we publicly arrayed ourselves in opposition to Moses and Aaron (As set forth in the 2nd and 3rd verses of the 16th Chapter of Numbers. This Chapter Korah desired to have read after his speaking.) When Moses heard of it, he came to talk with me and others, and tried to persuade us to abandon

it, but without effect. He also sent for Dathan and Abiram, desiring them to come to our interview. They not only refused to come, but sent a very taunting message in return.

7. When Moses saw our obstinacy and hardness of heart, he was so grieved in Spirit, that he fell on his face and wept, and I, Korah, and the people about me who witnessed this sorrow and tribulation, scorned and ridiculed him to his face, for what we esteemed only an exhibition of weakness. While in that attitude of humility and self-abasement, the Spirit or Angel of the Lord instructed him as to the result, and directed him what to do (See Numbers 16:16-17). We complied more in a spirit of banter, to test his great power, as we put it, than from any reverence to Moses, or regard for his commands. After all the miracles and wonderful works we had seen performed, in reflecting upon it afterwards, it seemed strange to me that we could have become so dark and unbelieving, and it is evidence of the great darkening power of the Spirit of rebellion.

8. On the morrow, when he saw the whole congregation united with us, it brought him into still greater tribulation, and Moses and Aaron both fell on their faces and prayed that the sin of one man might not cause the destruction of all, for he knew what was coming. This one man, was I, Korah, the ringleader, who is now speaking to you. It brings us under great sufferings ever to refer to, or even think of this matter, but if we can do any good to others by relating it, we are willing to do so, and were sent here for that purpose.

9. Well, when Moses and Aaron humbled themselves, he was again instructed what to do (See Numbers 16:24, 26). When we

three were left with our families, and the congregation separated from us, departing some this way, and some that, we stood in the doors of our tents ridiculing and laughing at the whole thing as a farce, until the Earth opened beneath us, and we went down in darkness; we and our wives and our little ones. We fell a very long time. It seemed to us, as though we sank ten thousand miles deep into the Earth, and when we ceased falling, we were in utter darkness. We could not see, nor hear anything but our own cries, screeches and groans.

10. After remaining in this condition for a period that seemed like thousands of years, we saw a star very high above us and we began to cry to God for deliverance. We were in a perfect chaos, but when we felt that we could cry to God sincerely — we began to rise, and continued rising until we found ourselves again at the surface of the Earth. It was a level plain — a barren waste, without a living thing on it to console ourselves with, or a drop of water. Here we all sat down and condoled upon our awful situation. We talked of our punishment as being just, but could not see the justice of destroying with us all our little ones who had never done any wrong. Dathan will now relate the rest.

11. After a time, we saw at a distance, an Angel, but did not otherwise communicate with him, then. After a long absence, during which, we composed our minds in a feeling of resignation to whatever the will of God might be, for we had experienced hell enough, he returned. When the Angel found us in that state of resignation, he asked us what was our desire? We then learned that it was the same Moses whom we had wronged, and that it had been through his prayers and entreaties to God for us, that we had found mercy. If it had not been for him, we do

not know as we should ever have found the mercy of God, or any releasement.

12. We said we wanted to find the mercy of God and some way out of the doleful state we were in. Moses then led us from one degree to another until we found Christ in his first manifestation. He had previously instructed us about Christ and asked us if we were willing to submit to him. We answered that we were willing to do anything that we might find the mercy of God, and peace and happiness. So when we came up to it, we immediately united, and found here the first ray of comfort, since we sank into that dismal abode.

13. When we began to feel more comfortable by being baptized into Christ, our eyes began to open to see aright. In reflecting upon our conversation on the plain, about our little ones, we saw the mercy of God in taking them away with us. Because they were only the seed of rebellion, and if they had been left to grow upon the earth, they would have followed in our steps and been rebellious, thereby causing them more suffering.

14. We were told that Christ would appear again, and when Mother came forward with her testimony, we knew the work, and united with it, confessing our sins before she laid off the mortal body. We have been in the work ever since it was revealed. Our Mother is your Mother, and your Mother is our Mother. Now are you willing to own us as brethren?

15. [When this question was put to the Brethren and Sisters assembled in meeting, where this was related, we all responded with a hearty Yea!]

16. Now the United Testimony of these three Brethren, is that a Spirit of rebellion against the True Order of God, is the worst and most soul darkening, soul hardening influence, that ever proceeded from the Adversary of souls, and they came to portray some of its awful consequences, that no child of Zion may ever dip into it. If they can thereby assist in saving one Soul they will feel sufficiently rewarded.

Brother George Curtiss was born in Connecticut July 1, 1806 — Was placed with us ALETHIANS, in childhood, where he grew up, and ascended to the Center Family, November 25, 1873. ALETHIANS, is here substituted for the name Shakers. It means present day Disciples of the Holy Spirit of Truth, which Jesus promised should come, on his departure from the mortal body (See John 16:17-26, John 16:7,13 and John 16:26).

GUARD MY FLOCK

"Guard my flock, protect my lambs,
 Until I come again,
 I am coming on the earth
 In righteousness to reign;
 I'm coming to seek and save the lost
 Who've gone astray from me,
 I shall find them all, and will bring them back,
 My Father, home to Thee."

THE LORD WILL SUSTAIN

The Lord will sustain
Those who trust in His name
And seek for His Power Divine,
With His own right hand
He will cause them to stand
And fill them with blessings sublime.
When tempests do howl
And fierce billows roar
The righteous have nothing to fear,
God is their Helper,
Their Guide and Protector,
In Him they are safe and secure.

OPEN MY VISION

Open to my vision clearly
What the higher life requires,
To its truth, its love and beauty
My whole heart and soul aspires.
For my light must be increasing,
Life to me affords no pause;
Onward, upward, never ceasing
Are redemption's Perfect Laws.

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

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