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The Devil

Then I saw a burning light, as large and as high as a mountain, divided at its summit as if into many tongues. And there stood in the presence of this light a multitude of white-clad people, before whom what seemed like a screen of translucent crystal had been placed, reaching from their breasts to their feet. And before that multitude, as if in a road, there lay on its back a monster shaped like a worm, wondrously large and long, which aroused an indescribable sense of horror and rage. On its left stood a kind of market-place, which displayed human wealth and worldly delights and various sorts of merchandise; and some people were running through it very fast and not buying anything, while others were walking slowly and stopping both to sell and to buy. Now that worm was black and bristly, covered with ulcers and pustules, and it was divided into five sections from the head down through the belly to its feet, like stripes. One was green, one white, one red, one yellow and one black; and they were full of deadly poison. But its head had been so crushed that the left side of its jawbone was dislocated. Its eyes were bloody on the surface and burning within; its ears were round and bristly; its nose and mouth were those of a viper, its hands human, its feet a viper's feet, and its tail short and horrible. And around its neck a chain was riveted, which also bound its hands and feet; and this chain was firmly fastened to a rock in the abyss, confining it so that it could not move about as its wicked will desired. Many flames came forth from its mouth, dividing into four parts: One part ascended to the clouds, another breathed forth among secular people, another among spiritual people, and the last descended into the abyss.

And the flame that sought the clouds was opposing the people who wanted to get to Heaven. And I saw three groups of these. One was close to the clouds, one in the middle space between the clouds and the earth, and one moved along near the earth; and all were shouting repeatedly, "Let us get to Heaven!" But they were whirled hither and thither by that flame; some did not waver, some barely kept their balance, and some fell to the earth but then rose again and started toward Heaven. The flame that breathed forth among secular people burned some of them so that they were hideously blackened, and others it transfixed so that it could move them anywhere it wanted. Some escaped from the flame and moved toward those who sought Heaven, reiterating shouts of "O you faithful, give us help!" But others remained transfixed. Meanwhile, the flame that breathed forth among spiritual people concealed them in obscurity; but I saw them in six

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categories. For some of them were cruelly injured by the flame's fury; but when it could not injure one of them, it burningly breathed on them the deadly poison that flowed from the worm's head to its feet, either green or white or red or yellow or black. But the flame that sought the abyss contained in itself diverse torments for those who had worshipped Satan in place of God, not washed by the font of baptism or knowing the light of truth and faith.

And I saw sharp arrows whistling loudly from its mouth, and black smoke exhaling from its breast, and a burning fluid boiling up from its loins, and a hot whirlwind blowing from its navel, and the uncleanness of frogs issuing from its bowels; all of which affected human beings with grave disquiet. And the hideous and foul-smelling vapor that came out of it infected many people with its own perversity. But behold, a great multitude of people came, shining brightly; they forcefully trod the worm underfoot and severely tormented it, but could not be injured by its flames or its poison. And I heard again the voice from Heaven, saying to me:

- 1 God strengthens the faithful so that the Devil cannot conquer them

God, Who disposes all things justly and rightly, calls His faithful people to the glory of the celestial inheritance; but the ancient deceiver lurks in ambush and tries to hinder them by using all his wicked arts against them. But he is conquered by them and is confounded as his presumption deserves, for they possess the celestial country, and he suffers the horrors of Hell.

Therefore, you see a burning light, as large and as high as a mountain, divided at its summit as if into many tongues. This is the justice of God, which burns in the faith of believers, displaying the greatness of His power, sanctity and glory, and wonderfully declaring in that glory the diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- 2 The multitude of the faithful and the divine law displayed before them

And there stand in the presence of this light a multitude of white-clad people, a cohort of people in the presence of God's justice, shining with faith and well and honorably constituted in good works. Before them what seems like a screen of translucent crystal has been placed, reaching from their breasts to their feet; for, from their decision to do good actions to their completion, they have before their eyes the strong and splendid sight of the divine law. And thus they are so strengthened in these actions that no cunning or deception of false persuasion can conquer them.

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3 The deceptions of the Devil lie in the path humans take in this world

And before that multitude, as if in a road, there lies on its back a monster shaped like a worm, wondrously large and long. This means that the ancient serpent is well-known to humanity in the course of the pilgrimage of the good and the bad through the world, not in that visible form but in its inner meaning. Its mouth is gaping upward in order to pull down by deception those who are tending toward the celestial regions; but it is lying down, because the Son of God destroyed so much of its strength that it cannot stand up. *And it arouses an indescribable sense of horror and rage;* for the mental capacity of mortal humans is insufficient to understand the manifold variations of its poisonous fury and malicious exertions.

4 The Devil offers fraudulent riches and delights, and some buy them

On its left stands a kind of marketplace, which displays human wealth and worldly delights and various sorts of merchandise. For the left hand of the destroyer signifies death, and there is seen a marketplace composed of Death's evil works: pride and vainglory in corruptible riches, licentiousness and lust for transitory pleasures, and trafficking in all kinds of earthly desires. Thus those who would be terrified by the horror of the Devil if they met it openly are deceived by these things; they are lightly offered persuasions to vice as a merchant displays his diverse wares to people, and delighted by the display so that they buy what is offered. So the Devil offers humanity his lying arts; and those who desire them buy them. How? They throw away a good conscience as if selling it, and they collect deadly wounds in their souls as if buying them.

5 The strong resist the Devil's offers, the apathetic consent to them

And some people are running through it very fast and not buying anything; they know God, and so they carry the treasure of good will and the sweet spices of virtue and eagerly accumulate more of them, and quickly pass by the pleasures of the world and the filth of the Devil, obeying God's commands and despising the sweetness of their flesh. *But others are walking slowly and stopping both to sell and to buy;* they are slow to do good works and apathetic of heart, and so they smother their own desire for Heaven as if selling it, and nurture the pleasures of their flesh as if buying them.

Therefore, the former will receive the reward of good works, and the latter will suffer the punishment of iniquity, as Ezekiel shows, saying:

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6 Words of Ezekiel on this subject

“The justice of the just shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him” [Ezekiel 18:20]. What does this mean? The shining works of the pure person bathe him in sanctity and surround him like a thousand eyes that see into the heights and the depths; as the Holy Spirit inspires him, they bear him aloft to great honor and leave his wrong desires behind for dead, as a bird is borne aloft in the air by its wings whenever it pleases. But the person who faithlessly follows the wickedness of the savage viper who hisses at Heaven, covering the pearl with mud and raging at the Most Beautiful among all the beautiful, is degraded by its snakelike poison; he is cut off from the noble work of God’s hands, from all honor and from the beatitude of the celestial vision, and exiled from the Living Fruit and the root of the Just Tree.

7 The Devil labors to deceive the five senses of humanity

But you see that *that worm is black and bristly, covered with ulcers and pustules*. This shows that the ancient serpent is full of the darkness of black betrayal, and the bristles of concealed deception, and the ulcers of impure pollution, and the pustules of repressed fury. *And it is divided into five sections from the head down through the belly to its feet, like stripes*; for from the time of his first deception when he tried to put himself forward until the final time when his madness will end, he does not cease to inspire the five human senses with the desire for vices. Simulating a deceitful rectitude, he draws people to the downward slopes of his unclean arts. *One is green, one white, one red, one yellow, and one black; and they are full of deadly poison*. The green indicates worldly melancholy; the white, improper irreverence; the red, deceptive glory; the yellow, biting envy; and the black, shameful deceit, with all other perversities that bring death to the souls of those who consent to them.

8 The Devil’s pride was overthrown by the Incarnation

But its head has been so crushed that the left side of its jawbone is dislocated. This means that his pride was so overthrown by the Son of God that even the enmity of Death is already destroyed and cannot exert its full strength of bitterness.

9 What the eyes and ears and nostrils of the serpent signify

Its eyes are bloody on the surface and burning within; because his wicked intent outwardly inflicts harm on human bodies and inwardly drives a fiery

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dart into their souls. *Its ears are round and bristly*; for the bristles of his arts pierce a person all around, so that if he finds anything that is his in that person, he may quickly throw him down. *Its nose and mouth are those of a viper*; for he shows people unbridled and vile behavior, through which, transfixing them with many vices, he may cruelly slay them.

10 Its hands and feet and tail and what they signify

Its hands are human, for he practices his arts in human deeds; *its feet a viper's feet*, because he ceaselessly ambushes people when they are journeying and inflicts devilish lacerations on them; *and its tail short and horrible*, for it signifies his power in the short but most evil time of the son of perdition, whose desire to run wild exceeds his power to do it.

11 The might of God has broken the Devil's strength to do what he wants

And around its neck a chain is riveted, which also binds its hands and feet; which is to say that the strength of the Devil was so broken and crushed by the power of Almighty God that he cannot freely work his evil and accost humans in the way. *And this chain is firmly fastened to a rock in the abyss, confining it so that it cannot move about as its wicked will desires*; for the power of God abides unfailingly and immovably for eternity, and by saving souls oppresses the Devil so forcibly that he is not able by inner or outer means to take away redemption from the faithful, or keep them from that place of joy from which he perversely exiled himself.

12 The Devil sends his fire to lead astray all kinds of people on earth

Many flames come forth from its mouth, dividing into four parts. This means that in his rapacious voracity he sends forth in cruel flames the terrible and manifold evil of his wicked counsels; he breathes it into all four corners of the world, that the people there may follow him.

One part ascends to the clouds; for the sharpness of the Devil's breath drags down those who with all their mind's longing seek Heaven. *Another breathes forth among secular people*; for its many forms deceive those who live among earthly affairs. *And another among spiritual people*; for its pretence infects those who labor in spiritual disciplines. *And the last descends into the abyss*; for its persuasions put the faithless who consent to it into the torments of Hell. For they have walked the way of falsity and deception and left the way of rectitude, and they have not shown the reverence due to the true God, as David testifies, saying:

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13 Words of David

“Destruction and unhappiness in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes” [Psalm 13:5]. What does this mean?

People who expel God from their hearts by their wicked and damnable deeds are overwhelmed by His innocent and mighty works, which arise in the pure living Fountain, as a great rain submerges an object so that it is no longer visible. And so they are not formidable in the sight of God, for misery is in their ways wherever they go, and most unhappy companionship, and the food of death. How? They taste and eat what is evil. Hence in their deeds they do not know the way that ascends in the sunlight, and do not taste in honor or in love the sweetness of God; they cast away their fear of Him as if it were fear of another person, desiring neither to see Him nor to look Him in the face.

14 The Devil assails spiritual and secular people in many ways

Hence you also see that *the flame that seeks the clouds is opposing the people who want to get to Heaven*. For when that wicked flame feels that the minds of the faithful are tending upward, it rages against them most cruelly with its arts, so that they may not come to the celestial places to which they aspire.

15 The three groups of these people

And you see three groups of these; for they do not cease to worship the true and ineffable Trinity, although greatly fatigued by their struggles. One is close to the clouds; these are fighting most strongly against the Devil and raising their thoughts from earthly deeds to heavenly things as a cloud floats above the earth. And one is in the middle space between the clouds and the earth. These people control themselves moderately well, but their whole mind is not set on heavenly things nor their whole desire on earthly ones; they take a middle way, seeking inner qualities but not refusing outer ones. *And one moves along near the earth; for these people have not perfectly renounced the transitory but cling a little to passing things, and so have great labor and suffer much fatigue. But, with the help of Heaven, they are all victors; for all are shouting repeatedly, “Let us get to Heaven!”* And so the former and the latter people, with sighs of desire, exhort themselves to move toward the secret places of Heaven, even though tired out by the arts of the ancient serpent. *But they are whirled hither and thither by that flame, being driven to various actions by the wind of the Devil’s temptation. Some do not waver, for they are exceedingly*

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strong fighters and manfully defend themselves from these illusions. *Some barely keep their balance*, for they keep their feet in the path of rectitude and persevere in God's commandments, but are worn out by their labors and can scarcely conquer the Devil's arts; and *some fall to the earth but then rise again and start toward Heaven*, for they fall into different ways of vice but are then raised up by penitence and place their hope in God and good works.

16 The temptations of secular people

Now *the flame that breathes forth among secular people burns some of them so that they are hideously blackened*. This is to say that the flame of evil deception aims itself at those who pursue worldly affairs and subjects some of them to its perversity; it stains them with dark and iniquitous vices, so that they despise the brightness of the true faith. Thus they slay themselves by a bitter death, and fall to the ground and there do evil deeds. *And others it transfixes so that it can move them anywhere it wants*; for it dominates them by its wickedness and hends them to all the vices of its own depravity, seducing them into the embrace of worldly pleasure, so that according to their desires they have different ways in their speech, hair, clothing, gait and other such things. Therefore they become confused and neglect the justice of God, breaking the law and failing to circumcise their minds; they seek excess in lust and do not observe the times of the Law God constituted for them. And as the sea is stirred into turbulence by the wind, they are stirred into diverse vices by the breath of the ancient dragon. *Some of these escape from the flame and move toward those who seek Heaven, reiterating shouts of "O you faithful, give us help!"* For they withdraw themselves from shameful and harmful companionship and imitate those who fix their mind on celestial things, desiring with heart and voice their solicitude and help. *But others remain transfixed*, continuing to be ensnared in evil actions by their various vices.

17 The six ways of temptation of the spiritual

But the flame that breathes forth among spiritual people conceals them in obscurity. This means that the breath of the Devil's persuasion, when it flames toward those who should be assenting totally to the Spirit, beclouds them with the perversity of its vices, so that they long for the flesh more than for the Spirit.

And you see them in six categories; for the ancient enemy strives to pervert both their five exterior senses and the sixth inner one, the devotion of the heart. *Some of them are cruelly injured by the flame's fury*; for the Devil unlooses his arts on them and inspires them with carnal desires and pleasures, and so enkindles them to lust and unclean pollution. *But when it cannot injure*

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one of them, it burningly breathes on them the deadly poison that flows from the worm's head to its feet, either green or white or red or yellow or black. How? When they refuse the delights of pollution, he pours into them the sprouting green of mundane sadness, so oppressing them that they have no strength for spiritual or worldly matters; or he sends against them the empty whiteness of vicious irreverence, so that they do not hide their shame before God or Man; or he displays to them the bright red of earthly glory, giving them bitterness and anxiety of heart; or he puts into them the dull yellow of contempt for their neighbor, and thus they become whisperers and hypocrites; or he imposes on them the horrid blackness of feigned justice, through which their hearts are wretchedly darkened.

All these are deadly plagues; they have proceeded from the destroyer from the beginning of his time of deception, and will do so until the end of time, when his madness will end in the world. And through them he injures and burns people up with vices.

18 Concerning the unbaptized

But the flame that seeks the abyss contains in itself diverse torments for those who have worshipped Satan in place of God, not washed by the font of baptism or knowing the light of truth and faith. This is to say that the fire that accompanies perdition inflicts dire and bitter torments on those souls who were not washed clean in the font of salvation and did not see the brightness of the celestial inheritance or the faith instituted by the Church, and who continue to venerate the lurker in ambush who tries to kill human souls, rather than the One Who granted humanity life and salvation.

19 What is meant by his mouth's arrows, breast's smoke and loins' fluid

And you see sharp arrows whistling loudly from its mouth; these are the terrible and evil thrusts of the Devil's rage, which issue forth in madness and iniquity; and black smoke exhaling from its breast, which is the outpouring of his malicious impulses of hideous wrath and envy; and a burning fluid boiling up from its loins, which is the effusion of his uncleanness in ardent lust.

20 What is meant by his navel's whirlwind and bowels' uncleanness of frogs

And a hot whirlwind is blowing from its navel, which is the suffocating wind of fornication that proceeds from his voracity to dominate; and the uncleanness of frogs issuing from its bowels, which is the fetid excrement of his

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obduracy in desperation and his perverse concentration on it. For the ancient waylayer hopes to subjugate those who follow him completely to his will. *And all of these things affect human beings with grave disquiet*; for such perversities bring those who fix their hope in the earthly and not the heavenly, and so most miserably become involved with them, into extreme ruin.

21 The Devil makes the foolish believe what he falsely shows them

And the hideous and foul-smelling vapor that comes out of it infects many people with its own perversity. This means that the black wrong of a fetid conscience proceeds from the Devil and disturbs the foolish with wicked unbelief. How?

From the time of the beheading of John the Baptist, who declared that the Son of God is the One Who heals the wounds of sin, most evil error arose, whereby the Devil seduces different people by different false images; so that they think that what he shows them, each according to his understanding, is true. And many are deceived thus, because their faith is constantly weak and wavering.

But you, O My children, if you wish to live justly and devoutly, fly from this most wicked error, lest death catch you in your unbelief.

22 Heretics who worship the Devil for God must be avoided and excommunicated

And fly from those who linger in caves and are cloistered supporters of the Devil. Woe to them, woe to them who remain thus! They are the Devil's very viscera, and the advance guard of the son of perdition.

Therefore, O you My beloved children, avoid them with all devotion and with all the strength of your souls and bodies. For the ancient serpent feeds and clothes them by his arts, and they worship him as God and trust in his false deceptions. They are wicked murderers, killing those who join them in simplicity before they can turn back from their error; and they are wicked fornicators upon themselves, destroying their semen in an act of murder and offering it to the Devil. And they also invade My Church with their schisms in the fulness of vice; in their shameful plots they wickedly scoff at baptism, and the sacrament of My Son's body and blood, and the other institutions of the Church. Because they are afraid of My people, they do not openly resist these institutions of Mine, but in their hearts and their deeds they hold them as nothing. By devilish illusion, they pretend to have sanctity; but they are deceived by the Devil, for if he were to show himself to them openly they would understand him and flee him. By his arts he shows them things he pretends are good and holy, and thus deludes them. O woe to those who persevere in this death!

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But because the Devil knows he has only a short time for his error, he is now hastening to perfect infidelity in his members: you, you evil deceivers, who labor to subvert the Catholic faith. You are wavering and soft, and thus cannot avoid the poisonous arrows of human corruption, which you employ as you wish against the Law. And after you pour out your lust in the poisonous seed of fornication, you pretend to pray and falsely assume an air of sanctity, which is more unworthy in My eyes than the stinking mire.

And thus for certain the punishment of all the schisms shall fall upon you: The one that arose in Horeb when the Jewish people made a graven image and played before it in devilish mockery, as some wantonly do to this very day; and the one about Baal, in which many perished; and the one about fornications, where the Midianites did shameful deeds; and all the others. For you have part in all of them by your evil actions; but you are worse than the earlier people, because you perceive the true law of God but stubbornly abandon it.

But, O you who desire to be saved and have received baptism and form the holy mountain of God, resist Satan, and do not descend from the height of your salvation.

23 God's grace forsakes His despisers but mercifully helps His seekers

The Devil ceaselessly sets his snares against a person who is so hard-hearted as to despise God's help in resisting him; for then he sees a blackness of iniquity rising up in that person, bringing such bitterness into his whole body that its strength dries up. Hence, when a person begins to contemplate his evil and so crushes himself in despair, deeming it impossible for him to avoid evil and do good, the Devil sees this and says, "Behold a person who is like us, denying his God and turning to follow us. Let us hasten and run swiftly to him, urging him by our arts so that he cannot escape us. For to leave God and follow us is what he wants."

But a person who is assailed by these evils through the Devil's agency, and polluted by murder, adultery, voracity, drunkenness and excess of all vices, will fall into death if he continues in them impenitent; while one who resists the Devil and withdraws repenting from these vices will rise again to life. For if a person follows the longing of his flesh and neglects the good desires of his spirit, the Maker of this globe says of him, "He despises Me and sinfully loves his flesh, and rejects the knowledge that he should turn away from perdition. And therefore he must be cast out." But if a person loves the virtuous ardor of his spirit and rejects the pleasure of his flesh, the Creator of the world says of him, "He looks toward Me and does not nourish his body on filth, and desires the knowledge of how to avoid death. And

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therefore help will be given him." How? As Solomon says, in accordance with My will:

24 Words of Solomon

"Evil pursues sinners; and to the just good shall be repaid" [Proverbs 13:21]. What does this mean? Those who fall into error and slide into ruin are invaded on all sides by deadly sickness; and so they do not wisely regard what is true, but carelessly abandon it. And, because they reject God and choose the Devil, they are not worthy to look at God or take any pleasure in God or other people, and the evil they do brings them much adversity. But in good people, right sense and just thoughts erect a tall building; they receive in their bosom the inheritance of the Father, for they long for the celestial light. For they are not among the deceivers in the derisive marketplace, where this or that is sold without regard for its value, but in God they possess that which is true.

25 True worshippers of God crush the ancient serpent

But you see that *a great multitude of people come, shining brightly; they forcefully tread the worm underfoot and severely torment it*. This is to say that those who are born into human misery, but who constitute the faithful army of believers, hasten to attain their desire for Heaven by the faith of baptism and blessed virtues, which are beautiful adornments; and by their deeds they cast down the ancient seducer. They are virgins, martyrs and all other kinds of worshippers of God, who in full knowledge tread worldly things underfoot and desire the heavenly; and they surround the Devil and crush him with force, weakening him with dire suffering. But *they cannot be injured by its flames or its poison*; for they are protected by God with such strength and constancy that neither the open flame nor the hidden persuasion of the Devil's wickedness can touch them. For they forsake all vain fictions, and with great strength in virtue hold fast to sanctity.

But let the one who sees with watchful eyes and hears with attentive ears welcome with a kiss My mystical words, which proceed from Me Who am life. Amen.



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The Last Days and the Fall of the Antichrist

Then I looked to the North, and behold! five beasts stood there. One was like a dog, fiery but not burning; another was like a yellow lion; another was like a pale horse; another like a black pig; and the last like a gray wolf. And they were facing the West. And in the West, before those beasts, a hill with five peaks appeared; and from the mouth of each beast one rope stretched to one of the peaks of the hill. All the ropes were black except the one that came from the mouth of the wolf, which was partly black and partly white. And lo, in the East I saw again that youth whom I had first seen on the corner of the wall of the building where the shining and stone parts came together, clad in a purple tunic. I now saw him on the same corner, but now I could see him from the waist down. And from the waist down to the place that denotes the male he glowed like the dawn, and there a harp was lying with its strings across his body; and from there to the width of two fingers above his heel he was in shadow, but from there down to the bottom of the feet he was whiter than milk. And I saw again the figure of a woman whom I had previously seen in front of the altar that stands before the eyes of God [p. 169]; she stood in the same place, but now I saw her from the waist down. And from her waist to the place that denotes the female, she had various scaly blemishes; and in that latter place was a black and monstrous head. It had fiery eyes, and ears like an ass', and nostrils and mouth like a lion's; it opened wide its jowls and terribly clashed its horrible iron-colored teeth. And from this head down to her knees, the figure was white and red, as if bruised by many beatings; and from her knees to her tendons where they joined her heels, which appeared white, she was covered with blood. And behold! That monstrous head moved from its place with such a great shock that the figure of the woman was shaken through all her limbs. And a great mass of excrement adhered to the head; and it raised itself up upon a mountain and tried to ascend the height of Heaven. And behold, there came suddenly a thunderbolt, which struck that head with such great force that it fell from the mountain and yielded up its spirit in death. And a reeking cloud enveloped the whole mountain, which wrapped the head in such filth that the people who stood by were thrown into the greatest terror. And that cloud remained around the mountain for a while longer. The people who stood there, perceiving this, were shaken with great fear, and said to one another: "Alas, alas! What is this? What do you think this was? Alas, wretches that we are! Who will help us, and who will deliver us? For we know not how we were deceived. O

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Almighty God, have mercy on us! Let us return, let us return; let us hasten to the covenant of Christ's Gospel; for ah, ah, ah! we have been bitterly deceived!" And lo, the feet of the figure of the woman glowed white, shining with a splendor greater than the sun's. And I heard the voice from Heaven saying to me:

1 The five ferocious epochs of temporal rule

All things that are on earth hasten to their end, and the world droops toward its end, oppressed by the weakening of its forces and its many tribulations and calamities. But the Bride of My Son, very troubled for her children both by the forerunners of the son of perdition and by the destroyer himself, will never be crushed, no matter how much they attack her. But at the end of time she will rise up stronger than ever, and become more beautiful and more glorious; and so she will move sweetly and delightfully to the embraces of her Beloved. And this is mystically signified by the vision you are seeing. *For you look to the North, and behold! five beasts stand there.* These are the five ferocious epochs of temporal rule, brought about by the desires of the flesh from which the taint of sin is never absent, and they savagely rage against each other.

2 The fiery dog

One is like a dog, fiery but not burning; for that era will produce people with a biting temperament, who seem fiery in their own estimation, but do not burn with the justice of God.

3 The yellow lion

Another is like a yellow lion; for this era will endure martial people, who instigate many wars but do not think of the righteousness of God in them; for those kingdoms will begin to weaken and tire, as the yellow color shows.

4 The pale horse

Another is like a pale horse; for those times will produce people who drown themselves in sin, and in their licentious and swift-moving pleasures neglect all virtuous activities. And then these kingdoms will lose their ruddy strength and grow pale with the fear of ruin, and their hearts will be broken.

5 The black pig

And another is like a black pig; for this epoch will have leaders who blacken themselves with misery and wallow in the mud of impurity. They

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will infringe the divine law by fornication and other like evils, and will plot to diverge from the holiness of God's commands.

6 The gray wolf

And the last is like a gray wolf. For those times will have people who plunder each other, robbing the powerful and the fortunate; and in these conflicts they will show themselves to be neither black nor white, but gray in their cunning. And they will divide and conquer the rulers of those realms; and then the time will come when many will be ensnared, and the error of errors will rise from Hell to Heaven. And then the children of light will be pressed in the winepress of martyrdom; and they will not deny the Son of God, but reject the son of perdition who tries to do his will with the Devil's arts.

And these beasts are facing the West; for these fleeting times will vanish with the setting sun. For people rise and set like the sun, and some are born, and some die.

7 The five peaks and the five ropes

And in the West, before those beasts, a hill with five peaks appears; for in these peaks is symbolized the power of carnal desire. *And from the mouth of each beast one rope stretches to one of the peaks of the hill;* for each of those powers will extend throughout the period in question. *All the ropes are black except the one that comes from the mouth of the wolf, which is partly black and partly white.* For the length of the ropes indicates how far people are willing to go in their stubborn pleasures; but though the one that symbolizes greed is partly black and puts forth many evils, yet some will come from that direction who are white with justice. And these latter will hasten to resist the son of perdition by ardent wonders, as My servant Job indicates about the righteous doer of justice, when he says:

8 Words of Job

"The innocent shall be raised up against the hypocrite, and the just shall hold to his path; and to clean hands he shall add strength" [Job 17:8-9]. Which is to say:

One who is innocent of bloody deeds, murder and fornication and the like, will be aroused like a burning coal against one who deceives in his works. How? This latter speaks of honey but deals in poison, and calls a man friend but stifles him like an enemy; he speaks sweet words but has malice within him, and talks blandly to his friend and then slays him from ambush.

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But one who has a rod with which to drive away vile brutes from himself walks in the light of the shining sun on the righteous path of his heart; he is raised up in the sight of God as a bright spark and a clear light and a flaming torch. And so, bearing in himself the strongest and purest works, he puts them on like a strong breastplate and a sharp sword, and drives away vice and wins virtue.

9 The Church will shine in her justice until the time of Antichrist

And therefore, *in the East you see again that youth whom you first saw on the corner of the wall of the building where the shining and stone parts come together, clad in a purple tunic, now standing on the same corner.* For here is the Sunrise of Justice, the Son of Man, manifest to you to confirm the truth afresh through His mysteries and miracles; still presiding over the union of reflective knowledge and human deeds, having shed His blood by the will and goodness of the Father for the salvation of the world. So *now you can see him from the waist down;* for now you see Him in the strength of His members who are His elect, and He will flourish as Bridegroom of the Church, with many obscure signs and wonders, until their number is complete. *And from the waist down to the place that denotes the male he glows like the dawn;* for until the time of the son of perdition, who will pretend to be the man of strength, His faithful members will be perfected in fortitude and He will be splendid in the justice of His righteous worshippers. *So, in the same place, a harp is lying with its strings across his body;* which signifies the joyful songs of those who will suffer dire torments in the persecution that the son of iniquity will inflict upon the chosen, torturing their bodies so much that they are released from them and pass over into rest.

10 The Church's faith will be in doubt until the witness of Enoch and Elijah

And from there to the width of two fingers above his heel he is in shadow. For, from the time of the persecution the faithful will suffer from the son of the Devil until the testimony of the two witnesses, Enoch and Elijah, who spurned the earthly and worked toward heavenly desires, faith in the doctrines of the Church will be in doubt. People will say to each other with great sadness, "What is this they say about Jesus? Is it true or not?"

11 Before the end of the world the Devil will perish and the truth be known

But from there down to the bottom of the feet he is whiter than milk. That is to say that, by the testimony of those same witnesses who await the eternal

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reward when the son of perdition is defeated, before the world ends the Son of Man will be brilliantly and beautifully seen in the Catholic faith. The truth will be plainly shown in Him, and the falsity of the son of iniquity rejected in every way, as My servant David testifies when he says:

12 Words of David

“The king shall rejoice in God; all they that swear by Him shall be praised; for the mouth of them that speak wicked things is stopped” [Psalm 62:12]. Which is to say: The profound knowledge of the beautiful human language that gives voice to the will and disposition of God is a great measure of human stature; and it makes music at the altar of God, for it knows Him. And when the hissing and gaping of the Devil, which taints human minds with shame, is forsaken in the time of desperation, the blessed will be praised in minds that sing, and they will make a flowing path of words to the pure fountain of the mighty Ruler.

13 When justice grows cold the Church will undergo suffering and persecution

And you see again the figure of a woman whom you previously saw in front of the altar that stands before the eyes of God, standing in the same place. For the Bride of the Son of God is shown to you again, to reveal the truth, always present to the pure prayers of the saints and, as was said before, offering them up devotedly to the eyes of Heaven. *But now you see her from the waist down;* for you see her in her full dignity as the Church, replete with the full number of her children, in the mysteries and wonders by which she has saved so many. *And from her waist to the place that denotes the female, she has various scaly blemishes.* This is to say that, though she is now flourishing worthily and laudably in her children, before the time in which the son of perdition will try to perfect the trick he played on the first woman, the Church will be harshly reproached for many vices, fornication and murder and rapine. How? Because those who should love her will violently persecute her.

14 Antichrist will horribly rend the faithful and cruelly tear humanity

And thus in the place where the female is recognized is a black and monstrous head. For the son of perdition will come raging with the arts he first used to seduce, in inonstrous shamefulness and blackest wickedness. *It has fiery eyes, and ears like an ass', and nostrils and mouth like a lion's;* for he runs

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wild in acts of vile lust and shameful blasphemy, causing people to deny God and tainting their minds and tearing the Church with the greed of rapine. *It opens wide its jaws and terribly clashes its horrible iron-colored teeth;* for with his voracious and gaping jaws he evilly infuses those who consent to him with his strong vices and mordant madness.

15 The son of perdition, unable to be gentle, will try to persecute

And from this head down to her knees, the figure is white and red, as if bruised by many beatings; for the son of perdition will try to seduce people by evil deceptions, and at first speak to them flatteringly and gently, but then try cruelly to pervert and force them. And then the Church will know purity of faith in her children, but anguished and bloody terror and the tribulations of many sufferings for herself.

16 The Church near the end of the world will be bathed in righteous blood

And from her knees to her tendons where they join her heels, which appear white, she is covered with blood. For at the time near the end of the world when she must endure assault, until the coming of the two witnesses of 'Irnth who will keep the Church together by their strength, she will suffer most terrible persecutions, and the blood of those who despise the Destroyer will be most cruelly shed. What does this mean? When the son of perdition is strengthened through deceit, and derives confidence from his perverse teachings, the Church, as she hastens on, will be bathed in the noblest blood; and then she will be fully constructed as the celestial dwelling. For you, O streets of Jerusalem, will then shine with the purest gold which is the blood of the saints; the Devil will be extinguished for persecuting the members of the Supernal King, and his great terror will be reduced to naught.

17 We are now in the seventh millennium

But, O ye people who desire to dwell in those streets, flee from the Devil and adore God, Who created you! For in six days God completed His works, and on the seventh day He rested. What does this mean? The six days are the six numbered epochs; and in the sixth epoch the latest miracles were brought forth in the world, as God finished His work on the sixth day. But now the world is in the seventh epoch, approaching the end of time, as on the seventh day. How? The prophets have completed their utterances, My Son

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has accomplished His will in the world, and the Gospel has been preached openly throughout all lands; and throughout the times of this full number and more years after it, despite the diversity of human customs, the world has remained as it was well-established by Me.

18 Why God now utters new mysteries by the mouth of an unlearned person

But now the Catholic faith wavers among the nations and the Gospel limps among the people; and the mighty books in which the excelling doctors had summed up knowledge with great care go unread from shameful apathy, and the food of life, which is the divine Scriptures, cools to tepidity. For this reason, I now speak through a person who is not eloquent in the Scriptures or taught by an earthly teacher; I Who Am speak through her of new secrets and mystical truths, heretofore hidden in books, like one who mixes clay and then shapes it to any form he wishes.

19 God's warning to the learned not to spurn these words but exalt them

O fruitful and rewarding teachers! Redeem your souls and loudly proclaim these words, and do not disbelieve them; for if you spurn them, you condemn not them but Me Who am Truth. For you should nurture My people under My law, and care for them until the time for their supervision is past, and all cares and labors cease. But from now on the predestined epoch is approaching, and you are hastening toward the time when the son of perdition will appear. Grow therefore in vigor and fortitude, My elect! Be on your guard, lest you fall into the snare of death; raise the victorious banner of these words, and rush upon the son of iniquity. For those who forerun and follow the son of perdition whom you call Antichrist are in the way of error; but as for you, follow the footsteps of Him Who taught you the way of truth, when He appeared with humility and not with pride in the world in the body. Hear therefore and understand.

20 The words of the Holy Spirit to the Church about the last days

For the Spirit speaks to the Church about the time of the final error. In the end of times death shall rush upon the Church, when the accursed, the son of the curse, shall come; and he is the curse of curses, as My Son testifies in the Gospel about the worst city of error, saying:

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21 The Gospel on this subject

“And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted up to Heaven? You will go down into Hell” [Matthew 11:23]. Which is to say: O you cave of iniquity, you concealing ditch, with your wings of hypocrisy and pretense! How can you stand on the high place of the walls, when your eyes devour the wickedness of vice, hiding the burning light under a bushel of excrement? You say, “Who is as great as the hypocrite and murderer, since the foolish call him Lord?” Will you have the signs and wonders of Heaven, when you dip your finger in Hell? How? Your works probe the bottom of Hell, and in its voracity you will lie swallowed up; and Hell will vomit forth your stench, so that the world may see the bitterness of death for the destroyer who has destroyed.

22 When the world is dissolved in the elements, the Church will be completed

But a head without a body or other members should not be. The Head of the Church is the Son of God; the body and the other members are the Church and her children. The Church is not yet perfect in her members and her children; but on the last day, when the number of the elect is filled up, the Church will also be full. And on that last day the whole world will be confounded; I, God, will take away the four elements and all that is mortal in human flesh, and in the consummation of the world there will be full joy for the offspring of the Church.

23 The world is in its seventh epoch, and Man cannot know what will follow

For, as was said, God completed His work in six days. Five days represent five numbered epochs; and in the sixth, new wonders were manifested on earth, as on the sixth day the first man was created. And now the sixth number is complete and the seventh has come, and the course of the world is fixed in, as it were, the seventh day of rest. For now that work which the mighty doctors kept sealed in the holy Scriptures is revealed; it is openly expounded in gentle words, like the words of this book, as if on a Sabbath of rest. For there are six days of work and a seventh of rest; there is no other number of days. And what lies beyond cannot be known to you, O human, but is in the keeping of the Father. But you, O humans, have a time to traverse from now on, until the coming of that murderer who will try to pervert the Catholic faith. But as to what may happen then, it is not for you to know the time or the moment, even as you cannot know what comes after

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the seven days of the week; for only the Father knows this, Who has placed these things in His power. And about the days of the week and the times of the ages, it is not for you, O human, to know more.

24 How God willed His Son to be incarnate

But after five numbered epochs I brought forth heavenly miracles for the world, as in five days the other creatures were created before Man and subjected to Man. For up to then there was a large population of pagans and Jews, and various schisms and evils were increasing among both the Gentile and the Jewish peoples. The Law and the prophets had finished their work, and all the peoples had been tested for evil and for good, before my Only-Begotten took flesh from the Virgin. For I did not will to send Him until all these things had first taken place, so that all justice might be tried by Him and all injustice offended by Him. If My Son had come earlier, it would have been premature, like a person who wants to gather his fruits before they ripen; and if His Incarnation had been postponed until the very end of the world, He would have come too abruptly, like a fowler who catches birds by trickery, so that they know not how they fell into his nets. But My Son came, as it were, at the ninth hour, when the day is turning to evening; when the heat of the day is declining, and the cold is setting in. And so after five epochs of the world, My Son showed Himself to the world as it began to move toward its end. What then? He came and laid bare the essence of the Law, changing its water into the wine of the Gospel; and so He caused floods of virtue to stream forth. And He came opportunely to do this, when the churchly virtues the Holy Spirit enkindled could take root and grow in humans, and the virginity He brought in Himself could bud and flower.

25 Antichrist and his mother

But the insane murderer, the son of perdition, will come soon, when the last times descend and the earth forsakes its course; as if at the time when day departs and the sun goes down to its setting. O My faithful ones, hear this testimony, and understand it with devotion that you may be safe, lest the terror of the destroyer should come upon you unawares and cast you into the ruin of infidelity and perdition. Arm yourselves therefore, and prepare yourselves for the most strenuous battle, forewarned with firm defenses. For the time will come in which this vile deceiver will horribly appear. The mother who will bring this deceiver into the world will be nurtured in vice from her infancy to her girlhood by the arts of the Devil, living among the most abominable people in the vilest of waste places. Her parents will not recognize her, and those with whom she stays will not know her; for the

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Devil, pretending to be a holy angel, will persuade her to go away from them and guide her deceptively as he wishes. She will separate herself from all people, so as to conceal herself more easily; and then she will secretly engage in vile fornication with men, though only a few, defiling herself with them with a great appetite for wicked doings, as if her holy angel commanded her to do this deed of shame. And in the burning heat of this fornication, she will conceive the son of perdition without knowing which man's semen engendered him.

And Lucifer, the ancient serpent, will take delight in this turpitude, and by My just judgment will breathe on the embryo and possess it with all his power in its mother's womb. And so that destroyer will issue from the womb of that mother full of the Devil's spirit. Then she will stop her habitual fornications and declare to the unwise and foolish people that she has no husband, and knows not the father of her infant. And she will call the fornication she has done holy, and the people will think and call her holy.

And the son of perdition will be nurtured by the Devil's arts until he comes to full adulthood, always withdrawing from people who know him.

26 Antichrist will learn magic from his mother and God will allow it

And throughout this time, his mother by magic arts of hers will show him both to the worshippers and to the non-worshippers of God, and he will be seen and loved by them. And when he reaches maturity, he will teach a doctrine that is clearly perverse, thus fighting against Me and My elect; and he will gain such strength that in his great power he will try to raise himself above the clouds. But it is by My just judgment that I will permit him to do his will on various creatures. For as the Devil said in the beginning, "I will be like the Most High," and fell, I will lead him to fall in the last days, when he will say through this son of his, "I am the savior of the world!" And as every age of the faithful knew that Lucifer was a liar when he tried at the beginning of time to be like God, so now every person of faith will see that the son of iniquity is a liar, making himself like the Son of God before the last day.

27 The power of Antichrist and the miracles he will seem to do

For he is the evil beast, who kills those who deny him; he will join with kings, dukes, princes and the rich, crushing humility and exalting pride, and by the Devil's arts subjecting the whole world to himself. His power will issue forth like the wind; he will seem to set the air in motion and bring forth

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fire and lightnings from heaven, and raise thunders and hailstorms, to uproot mountains and dry up water, to take the greenness from forests and give it back again. In many parts of Creation he will display his illusions, in moisture and freshness and dryness. And he also will cause unceasing deceptions in people. How? He will seem to make the healthy sick and the sick healthy, to cast out devils, and sometimes to raise the dead. How? When someone departs from this life whose soul is in the power of the Devil, by My permission he will sometimes perform illusions on his corpse, making it move as if alive; but he is allowed to do this only occasionally, for a very short time and no longer, lest his presumption bring God's glory into scorn. Some people who see this will trust in him; and others will wish both to keep their earlier faith and to win his favor. And, choosing not to afflict these latter too severely, he will bring illness upon them. They will seek medicine from doctors, but will not be cured; and so they will return to him to see whether he can cure them. And when he sees them he will take away the weakness he brought upon them; and so they will love him dearly and believe in him. And so many will be deceived, for they will blind their own inner vision with which they should have regarded Me. For they will use their minds to probe this novelty their outer eyes see and their hands touch, and despise the invisible things that abide in Me and must be understood by true faith. For mortal eyes cannot see Me, but I show My miracles in the shadows to those I choose. No one shall see Me while he remains in a mortal body, except in the obscurity of My mysteries; for so I spoke to My servant Moses, as it is written:

28 Words of Moses on the vision of God

"For no one shall see Me and live" [Exodus 33:20]. This is to say that no one who is mortal shall fix his mortal gaze on the glory of My Divinity and continue to live his mortal life in his corruptible ashes; for he changes with passing time, leaving one life and passing to another, while I, Who established all living things, live without change. And as a gnat cannot live if he plunges into a flame, so a mortal could not remain alive if he were to see the glory of My Divinity. And so I show Myself to mortals in obscurity as long as they are weighed down by their mortality; like a painter showing people invisible things by the images in his painting.

But, O human, if you love Me, I embrace you, and I will warm you with the fire of the Holy Spirit. For when you contemplate Me with a good intention and know Me by your faith, I will be with you. But those who despise Me turn to the Devil, and choose not to know Me; and therefore I too reject them.

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29 Dupes of the Devil show omens in creatures, but cannot control them

But the Devil makes sport of these people, and deceives them however he likes, so that they think that what he shows them is true. And the Devil imparts this art of deceiving to those who trust in him, so that they can at will show people by this fallacious art various portents in creatures. But they cannot in any way alter the elements or other creations of God; they simply feign monstrosities like nebulous apparitions to deceive those who believe in them. And as Adam, seeking more than was right for him to have, lost the glory of Paradise, so these people let slip their inner vision and hearing, forsaking God and worshipping the Devil.

30 How Antichrist will deceive his followers and why it will be allowed

And in this way the son of perdition will practice his deceitful arts on the elements, and show in them the beauty and sweetness and delight desired by those he deceives. And this power will be permitted to him for one purpose: that the faithful may perceive in their faith that the Devil has no power over the good, but only over the evil, whose lot is eternal death. For whatever this son of iniquity brings to pass, he will do with power, pride and cruelty, for he has no mercy, humility or wisdom; he will incite people to follow him by his domination and the wonders he shows. And he will acquire for himself many peoples, telling them to do their own will and not restrain themselves by vigils or fasting; he will tell them that they need only love their God, Whom he will pretend to be, and then they will be delivered from Hell and attain to life. And they, being so deceived, will say, "Oh, woe to the wretches who lived before these times! For they made their lives miserable with dire pains, not knowing, alas, the loving kindness of our God!" He will show them his treasures and riches, and allow them to feast as they will, confirming his teaching by deceitful signs so that they think they need not restrain or chastise their bodies in any way. He will command them to observe circumcision and the Jewish laws and customs, but will alleviate for them as much as they want the stronger commands of the Law, which the Gospel, by worthy penance, converts into grace. And he will say, "When anyone is converted to me, I will blot out his sins, and he shall live with me forever." He will throw out baptism and the Gospel of My Son, and scorn all the precepts handed down to the Church. And he will say, with devilish mockery: "See what a madman that was, Who through His falsehoods decreed that the simple people should observe these things!"

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31 The pretended death of Antichrist, and his accursed scripture afterward

“But I will die for you and to your glory, and rise again from death; and so I will deliver my people from Hell, that you may live gloriously with me in my kingdom, as that deceiver pretended He had done before.” And he will tell his beloved ones to run him through with a sword and wrap him in a clean shroud, until the day of his resurrection. And he will delude them into thinking they are killing him, and so they will fulfil his commands. Then he will pretend to rise again, and bring out a writing as if for the salvation of souls, which is really a dire curse. And he will give this to people for a sign and command them to adore him. And if any person of faith refuses for love of My name, he will kill that person in great suffering and torture. And thus all who see and hear this will be struck with great wonder and doubtful amazement, as My beloved John shows, saying:

32 Words of John

“And I saw one of his heads as if slain unto death; and his death’s wound was healed. And all the earth marvelled at this beast” [Revelation 13:3]. This is to say:

I, the lover of God’s mysteries, saw the deceiver and the accursed surrounding the holiness of the saints with great and countless iniquities, and wearying them with many vices. By his lying arts he will pretend he is pouring out his blood in death and perishing; he will be thought to be stricken and dying, but he will not fall in the body but in a deceiving shadow. And, having deceived people with these false wounds and pretended to be dead, he will pretend to come back to life as if from the sleep of death. And everyone in the world will stand in terrible amazement, horrified at this accursed man as the people were amazed at the great size and strength of Goliath when he appeared before them armed for war.

And so, as you see, the pillars of My elect will be troubled by great wonder, both by their torments and by the perverse and marvellous and horrible signs that the son of perdition will produce; and they will lament in mournful anguish.

33 Enoch and Elijah, and why they are reserved to this time

But then I will send forth My two witnesses, whom I will hold back until this time in My secret will: Enoch and Elijah. They will resist him and bring back those who err to the way of truth. They will show the faithful the strongest and solidest virtues; for when the words of their witness in each of

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their mouths agree with each other, they will augment the faith of their hearers. For these two witnesses of the truth were reserved so long by Me so that now, when they will appear, their discourse may be held and confirmed in the hearts of My elect, and through it the seed of My Church may survive in humility. And to the children of God whose names are written in the book of life, they will say:

34 Their words to the children of God

“O ye who are righteous and elect and gloriously praise the graces of the blessed life, hear and understand what we confidently tell you. This accursed one was sent by the Devil to lead into error the souls who submit to his commands. We have been secluded from this world and reserved in the secret places of God, so that we have had no human care or anguish; and we were reserved and sent to you now so that we may contradict the errors of this destroyer. See therefore if we are like you in bodily stature or age.”

35 Their true signs by which the Antichrist will be cast down

And all who choose to know and confess the true God will follow these two aged witnesses of truth, carrying the banner of God's justice and abandoning the iniquitous error. For they will be radiant with praise before God and the people; they will hasten through the villages and roads and cities, wherever the son of perdition has breathed out his perverse doctrine, and perform in them signs by the Holy Spirit, so that all who see them will marvel greatly. These great signs, founded on the firm rock, will be given to them that they may reject the perverse and false signs. For as lightning kindles and burns, so does the son of perdition do his wicked acts in iniquity, burning the people with his magic arts as lightning burns; but Enoch and Elijah will terrify and cast out his whole cohort with the thunderbolt of righteous doctrine, and so fortify the faithful.

36 How they will be killed by God's permission and receive their reward

But by the consent of My will, Enoch and Elijah will at last be killed by Antichrist; and then they will receive in Heaven the reward of their labors. And the flowers of their doctrine will fade because their voices have ceased in the world; but they will bear fruit among the elect, who will despise the words and the ravings of the Devil's arts because they are set on the hope of a heavenly inheritance. Solomon tells this of a good and perfect person, saying,

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“The house of the just is in great strength, but in the fruits of the wicked is trouble” [Proverbs 15:6]. Which is to say:

In the righteous person, the reflection of the eye of God is a vivid inner dwelling where weariness and misery are not; and God’s eye sees His wonders in this person like a sword eager to strike. But the deeds that come forth like growing fruits from the proud heart, which erects ruins on its pleasures, will bring only sadness; for the proud heart does not trust in that hope which blossoms in the fullness of Heaven.

37 Antichrist, trying to learn the secrets of Heaven, will strike the Church

Now you see that *that monstrous head moves from its place with such a great shock that the figure of the woman is shaken through all her limbs*. This is to say that the son of perdition, the head of iniquity, will raise himself in his great arrogance and pride from the small error of his inherent wickedness, and seize upon a greater one, wanting to be exalted above all people. And when his deceptions are thus about to end, the whole Church and all her children, great and small, will be cast into extreme fear, as they watch his mad presumption. *And a great mass of excrement adheres to the head, which raises itself up upon a mountain and tries to ascend the height of Heaven*; for the mighty arts of the Devil, which bring with them so much filth, will help the son of iniquity, give him the wings of pride, and raise him to such great presumption that he will think he can also penetrate the secrets of Heaven. How? When he has completely fulfilled the Devil’s will, and by God’s just judgment his great power for iniquity and cruelty is no longer allowed to increase, he will assemble all his cohort and tell those who believe in him that he wants to go to Heaven. But, even as the Devil did not know that the Son of God was born to redeem souls, so also this worst of men, entangling himself in the evil of evils, will be ignorant that the mighty hand of God is about to strike him a blow.

38 God’s power will strike the son of perdition and send him to damnation

And behold, there comes suddenly a thunderbolt, which strikes that head with such great force that it falls from the mountain and yields up its spirit in death. For God’s power will manifest itself and destroy the son of perdition, striking him with such jealousy that he will fall violently from the height of his presumption, in all the pride with which he stood against God. And, so ending, he will vomit forth his life in the death of eternal perdition. For, as

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My Son's temptations ended when He said to His tempter, "Begone, Satan!" and the Devil fled in terror, so now those trials the son of iniquity inflicted on the Church will be ended by My jealousy.

39 The place of pride will become so fetid that the deceived will turn back

And a reeking cloud envelops the whole mountain, which wraps the head in such filth that the people who are standing by are thrown into the greatest terror. For the impure and hellish stench will fill the whole place of his pride, in which that worst of criminals boiled with such uncleanness. And, by God's just judgment, neither his beginning nor his end will be remembered, and the people, seeing his corpse prostrate on the ground, voiceless and rotting, will know that they were deceived. And that cloud remains around the mountain for a while longer; for the smell of that devilish pride will show it to be impure, and thus the people seduced by him will perceive that stench and that impurity, and turn from their error and come back to the truth. For the people who stand there, perceiving this, are shaken with great fear; when they see these things the greatest horror will assail them, and they will pour out doleful words and tearful plaints, and admit that they have grievously sinned.

40 When Antichrist is dead the Church will shine to recall the erring

And lo, the feet of the figure of the woman glow white, shining with a splendor greater than the sun's. This is to say that when the son of perdition is laid prostrate, as was said, and many of those who had erred return to the truth, the Bride of My Son, standing on a strong foundation, will manifest purity of faith and the beauty that surpasses all the beauty of the glories of earth.

41 None hut God can know the day of judgment

But after the wicked one has fallen, let no mortal ask when the last day and the dissolution of the world will come. For he cannot know it, because the Father has hidden it as a secret. Prepare yourselves therefore, O humans, for the judgment. But, as was said, the son of perdition and his father the Devil with all his arts will be conquered in the last days by My Son, the mighty Warrior. This was prefigured when the enemies of the mighty Samson were cast down, as it is written:

42 Example of Samson

“And when he strongly shook the pillars, the house fell on all the princes and the rest of the multitude that was there. And he killed many more at his death than he had killed before in his life” [Judges 16:30; cf. chaps. 14-16 complete]. This is to say:

The Son of God, symbolized by the mighty Samson, first wed the Synagogue; to her He gave the secrets of His wonderful doctrine, which were hidden in the Old Testament, and benignly disclosed to her the inner sweetness of the Law, which was stronger than a lion. But the Synagogue deceived Him and caused His secrets to be mocked; she refused to respect His doctrine, but despised it in arrogant pride. Troubled by this, He foretold that the kingdom of God would be taken from the Synagogue and given to another nation. Thus, amid many prodigies and amid a great crowd, He went up to Jerusalem; and the unbelief of those who spread their garments in the way came to an end when He paid by miracles what He had promised those to whom His bride had betrayed Him.

And in this turbulence He left His bride, prophesying that her house would be left desolate. But the father of His bride, Seduction of the Devil, married her to another husband, Infidelity. Then the Son of God sent out wise foxes, the apostles, who burned the standing corn of His enemies with the fire of the Holy Spirit; that is, they turned the precepts of the Law to spiritual insight. And so the Synagogue was burned with her father, which is to say that her perverse infidelity was overthrown.

Then, with great signs and wondrous miracles, He struck down the unbelieving, so that all trembled in great amazement. And they said they feared the Romans would come and take away their country and people; and therefore they gathered their cohort to destroy Him. And He hid on a hill, and prayed, if it might be, for this cup to pass from Him.

But Judas Iscariot betrayed Him, delivering Him into the hands of His enemies. And He concealed the might of His strength, which was in His hair, which is to say in His Father; which was unknown to all the people except those who grasped it by faith, as hair can be grasped on a human head. But He showed the might of His strength afterward, when He chose to suffer, wielding as it were the jawbone of an ass; for He told the daughters of Jerusalem to weep not for Him but for themselves, and thus “killed” them by predicting to them the terror of the evils to come.

And in His affliction on the cross, when He thirsted a fountain of faith sprang from the Gentiles; and He did not blush to drink from it, declaring that so it was accomplished. And when He gave up the ghost, He descended

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into Gehenna, as it were, to the harlot; and His enemies tried to take Him by setting guards at His sepulchre. But He rose again from death, carrying away the two doors, His special elect and the common people whom He freed from Hell. And so He sought the heavenly kingdom. And then His beautiful Bride, the Church, asked Him diligently after their marriage how she might know His strength. And He revealed His powers to her not all at once, but little by little, discreetly.

How? When the faithful first received the Catholic faith, some of them thought to walk in both the old and the new Law until they had reached perfect rectitude; as it were, in sinews still moist and not yet completely dried. And the Church, still inexperienced, said to the crowds, "This is the strength of my Bridegroom!" And the people, hearing these words, wanted to come and worship God all at once by the book and not to live by the promptings of the Holy Spirit. But His strength is not in this. Then virginity was nobly constituted, which had never before been deemed glorious, like new ropes, which had never bound anything. And this binding strongly held the Son of God, but did not capture Him fully. But the Church raised herself and said, "O my friends, these are the greatest powers of my Bridegroom!" And all at once, with great tumult, many people rushed upon Him, saying, "We have seized Him in His greatest strength!" But not thus is His strength manifested. And then the Church was assured of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, as it were His seven locks of hair, fastened by a strong nail to the apostolic preachers as a foundation. And when she had thus woven faith, the Church cried out, "Oh, how strong is my Bridegroom in His seven locks of hair!" And all the peoples who heard her seized upon Him, thinking that this was the limit of His strength. But again, His strength is not thus known.

And so the Church shed many tears, because she did not know the strength of the Holy Trinity; she said that she had indeed seen the humanity of the Son of God, but had not yet perfectly understood His Divinity. Moved by this, He manifested by His beloved John such secrets of the Holy Trinity as it was lawful for Man to know, in the honor of the Father and the fire of the Holy Spirit. And He laid His head upon the heart of His Bride; and He will rest there until the great schisms that will come with the son of perdition. And then His strength will be cut off as He is robbed of His hair; for people in that time will choose to follow the son of perdition and not Him, saying, "How is this, O God, that we see such wondrous miracles?" And so His strength will be cajoled, and true faith clouded with the blindness of infidelity. But when Enoch and Elijah appear, His strength will return to Him; and He will shatter by force all pride and presumption. He will hurl down the son of perdition with all the arts and vices of the Devil; and when the Church and the Christian name have passed over from the present temporal age to eternity, He will crush the Devil's evil much more severely

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than He did when divine worship flourished in the world within time. What does this mean? That when time ends, the temporal persecutions of the Devil and deeds of human virtue will both cease.

But let the one who has ears sharp to hear inner meanings ardently love My reflection and pant after My words, and inscribe them in his soul and conscience.



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After this I looked, and behold, all the elements and creatures were shaken by dire convulsions; fire and air and water burst forth, and the earth was made to move, lightning and thunder crashed and mountains and forests fell, and all that was mortal expired. And all the elements were purified, and whatever had been foul in them vanished and was no more seen. And I heard a voice resounding in a great cry throughout the world, saying, "O ye children of men who are lying in the earth, rise up one and all!"

And behold, all the human bones in whatever place in the earth they lay were brought together in one moment and covered with their flesh; and they all rose up with limbs and bodies intact, each in his or her gender, with the good glowing brightly and the bad manifest in blackness so that each one's deeds were openly seen. And some of them had been sealed with the sign of faith, but some had not; and some of those signed had a gold radiance about their faces, but others a shadow, which was their sign.

And suddenly from the East a great brilliance shone forth; and there, in a cloud, I saw the Son of Man, with the same appearance He had had in the world and with His wounds still open, coming with the angelic choirs. He sat upon a throne of flame, glowing but not burning, which floated on the great tempest which was purifying the world. And those who had been signed were taken up into the air to join Him as if by a whirlwind, to where I had previously seen that radiance which signifies the secrets of the Supernal Creator; and thus the good were separated from the bad. And, as the Gospel indicates, He blessed the just in a gentle voice and pointed them to the heavenly kingdom, and with a terrible voice condemned the unjust to the pains of Hell, as is written in the same place. Yet He made no inquiry or statement about their works except the words the Gospel declares would be made there; for each person's work, whether good or bad, showed clearly in him. But those who were not signed stood afar off in the northern region, with the Devil's band; and they did not come to this judgment, but saw all these things in the whirlwind, and awaited the end of the judgment while uttering bitter groans.

And when the judgment was ended, the lightnings and thunders and winds and tempests ceased, and the fleeting components of the elements vanished all at once, and there came an exceedingly great calm. And then the elect became more

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splendid than the splendor of the sun; and with great joy they made their way toward Heaven with the Son of God and the blessed armies of the angels. And at the same time the reprobate were forced with great howling toward the infernal regions with the Devil and his angels; and so Heaven received the elect, and Hell swallowed up the reprobate. And at once such great joy and praise arose in Heaven, and such great misery and howling in Hell, as were beyond human power to utter. And all the elements shone calm and resplendent, as if a black skin had been taken from them; so that fire no longer had its raging heat, or air density, or water turbulence, or earth shakiness. And the sun, moon and stars sparkled in the firmament like great ornaments, remaining fixed and not moving in orbit, so that they no longer distinguished day from night. And so there was no night, but day. And it was finished.

And again I heard the voice from Heaven, saying to me:

- 1 In the last days the world will be dissolved in disasters like a dying man

These mysteries manifest the last days, in which time will be transmuted into the eternity of perpetual light. For the last days will be troubled by many dangers, and the end of the world will be prefigured by many signs. For, as you see, *on that last day the whole world will be agitated by terrors and shaken by tempests, so that whatever is fleeting and mortal in it will be ended.* For the course of the world is now complete, and it cannot last longer, but will be consummated as God wills. For as a person who is to die is captured and laid low by many infirmities, and in the hour of his death suffers great pain in his dissolution, so too the greatest adversities will precede the end of the world and at last dissolve it in terror. For the elements will then display their terrors, because they will not be able to do so afterward.

- 2 All creation will be moved and purified of all that is mortal in it

And so, at this consummation, *the elements are unloosed by a sudden and unexpected movement:* all creatures are set into violent motion, fire bursts out, the air dissolves, water runs off, the earth is shaken, lightnings burn, thunders crash, mountains are broken, forests fall, and whatever in air or water or earth is mortal gives up its life. For the fire displaces all the air, and the water engulfs all the earth; and thus all things are purified, and whatever was foul in the world vanishes as if it had never been, as salt disappears when it is put into water.

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3 The bodies of the dead will rise again in their wholeness and gender

And when, as you saw, the divine command to rise again resounds, the bones of the dead, wherever they may be, are brought together in one moment and covered with their flesh. They will not be hindered by anything; but if they were consumed by fire or water, or eaten by birds or beasts, they will be speedily restored. And so the earth will yield them up as salt is extracted from water; for My eye knows all things, and nothing can be hidden from Me. And so all people will rise again in the twinkling of an eye, in soul and body, with no deformity or mutilation but intact in body and in gender; and the elect will shine with the brightness of their good works, but the reprobate will bear the blackness of their deeds of misery. Thus their works will not there be concealed, but will appear in them openly.

4 The risen who are signed and unsigned

And some of them are sealed with the sign of faith, but some are not; and the consciences of some who have faith shine with the radiance of wisdom, but the consciences of others are murky from their neglect. And thus they are clearly distinguished; for the former have done the works of faith, but the latter have extinguished it in themselves. And those who do not have the sign of faith are those who chose not to know the living and true God either in the old Law or in the new Grace.

5 The Son will come to the judgment in human form

And then the Son of God, in the human form He had at His Passion when He suffered by the will of the Father to save the human race, will come to judge it, surrounded by the celestial army; He will be in the brightness of eternal life, but in the cloud that hides celestial glory from the reprobate. For the Father vouchsafed to Him the judging of the visible things of the world, because He had lived visibly in the world; as He Himself shows in the Gospel, saying:

6 The Gospel on this subject

“And He has given Him power to judge, because He is the Son of Man” [John 5:27]. Which is to say:

The Father has borne witness to His Son. What does this mean? The Father gave power to the Son, because He remained with the Father in

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divinity but received humanity from a mother; and, because He is human, He received also from the Father that every creature should feel Him as the Son of God, for all creatures were created and formed by God. And therefore all deeds will be judged by the Son, whatever their nobility or baseness, and He will put them in their proper order. For, as He was a man palpable and visible in the world, He can justly distinguish all that is visible in the world. And He will appear in His power of judging terrible to the unjust but gentle to the just, and judge them so that the very elements will feel the purgation.

7 The signed will be taken up easily to meet their Judge

And those who are signed are taken up to meet the Just Judge not with difficulty but with great speed, so that in them, who had faith in God, the works of faith may clearly be seen. And, as was shown you, the good are separated from the bad, for their works are dissimilar. For here it is apparent how both the bad and the good have sought God, in infancy and childhood and youth and old age.

8 All God's flowers, the great heroes of the Church, will appear radiant

And here all the flowers of My Son will shine out in radiance; that is to say, the patriarchs and prophets who lived before His Incarnation, the apostles who lived with Him in the world, the martyrs, confessors, virgins and widows who have faithfully imitated Him, the holders of high office, both secular and spiritual, in My Church, and the anchorites and monks who chastised and mortified their flesh and imitated the humility and charity of the angels in their garments, thus belittling themselves for My Son's name. Those who seek Me in the contemplative life because they think that life is more glorious than another are as nothing to Me; but any who seek Me in humility in that life because the Holy Spirit inspired them to do so, I will put in the first ranks in the celestial homeland.

9 Amid the silence of Heaven, the Son will give sentence on all

Then the heavens will subdue their praises and remain awhile in silence, while the Son of God pronounces judicial sentence both on the just and on the unjust. And they will give ear with reverence and honor to how He decides; and *He will gently grant supernal joys to the just, and terribly consign the unjust to the pains of Hell. And there will be no further excuses or questions about human works, for here the consciences of both the good and the bad are naked and revealed.*

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10 Why the good and the bad need to be judged

Now the just, who will receive the words of the most equitable Judge, have indeed done many good works, but while they lived in the world they did not act with fullness of perfection, and therefore their deeds must now be judged. And the unjust, who will suffer a severe judgment against them, have indeed done much evil; but they did not act in ignorance of the Divine Majesty, in the wicked unbelief that would damn them without judgment. And so they will not escape the Judge's sentence, for all things must be weighed equitably.

11 Unbelievers are already judged and so will not come to the judgment

But those who are not signed in faith, because they did not believe in God, will tarry in the North, the region of perdition, with the Devil's band, and not come to this judgment. But they will see it all in obscurity and await its end, groaning deeply within themselves because they persevered in unbelief and did not know the true God. For they neither worshipped the living God in the Old Testament before the institution of baptism, nor received the remedy of baptism in the Gospel, but continued under the curse of Adam's fall, with its penalty of damnation. And therefore they are already judged, for the crime of infidelity.

12 When the judgment is finished, a great calm will arise

And when the judgment is ended, *the terrors of the elements, the lightnings and thunders and winds and tempests, will cease, and all that is fleeting and transitory will melt away and no longer be, like snow melted by the heat of the sun. And so, by God's dispensation, an exceedingly great calm will arise.*

13 Glory will receive the elect and Hell swallow up the damned

And thus the elect will become splendid with the splendor of eternity, and with My Son their Head and the glorious celestial army will embrace glory and the heavenly joys; while the reprobate, together with the Devil and his angels, will wretchedly direct their course toward eternal punishment, where eternal death awaits them for following their lusts instead of My commands. And so Heaven will receive the elect into the glory of eternity, because they have loved the Ruler of the heavens; and Hell will swallow up the reprobate, because they did not renounce the Devil. And then such great joy and praise will resound in the glory of Heaven and such great groaning and howling will arise in

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Hell as to exceed the grasp of the human understanding. For the first have eternal life and the second eternal death, as My Son declares in the Gospel, saying:

14 The Gospel on this subject

“And these shall go into everlasting punishment; but the just into life everlasting” [Matthew 25:46]. Which is to say: Those who befool themselves in the house of evil passions, and do not thirst to drink justice from the Supreme Goodness, will come in the course of their infidelity and wickedness to submersion in the pains of eternal perdition, and according to their deeds will receive the torments of Hell. But the builders of the heavenly Jerusalem, who faithfully stand in the gates of the daughter of Zion, will be radiant in the eternal life, which the fruitfulness of the chaste Virgin miraculously gave to all believers.

15 How the elements and heavenly bodies will be changed, and night ended

And, as you see, *when all these things are over the elements will shine out with the greatest brightness and beauty, and all blackness and filth will be removed from them.* And fire, without its raging heat, will blaze like the dawn; air without density will be completely limpid; water without its power to flood or drown will stand transparent and calm, and earth without shakiness or roughness will be firm and level. And so all these will be transformed into great calm and beauty.

And *the sun and moon and stars will sparkle in the firmament* like precious stones set in gold, with great glory and brilliance; and *they will no longer restlessly revolve in orbit* so as to distinguish day from night. For the world will have ended and they will have become immutable; and from that time on *there will be no darkness, and day will be perpetual.* As My beloved John witnesses, when he says:

16 Words of John

“And there shall be no more night, and they will not need the light of the lamp or the light of the sun; for the Lord God will illumine them” [Revelation 22:5]. Which is to say: One who possesses a treasure sometimes hides it and at other times shows it, and even so night conceals the light, and day drives out the darkness and brings light to humanity. But it will not be so when time is transformed; for then the shade of night will be put to flight and its darkness will not appear from that time on. For in this transmutation the

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light people now light to dispel the darkness will not be needed; and the sun will not move and by its motion bring times of darkness. For then the day will be without end; for the Ruler of all, in the immutable glory of His Divinity, will illumine those who in the world have by His grace escaped the darkness.

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