

Stars unnumbered lie close together at its base, all shining like the sand of the desert: ponderous masses underlie the whole amazing structure, all radiant with the glory of God; with a light like a stone most precious, even like unto a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Measureless fields of space are its foundation; and, all but infinite leagues of solid matter form the creative base of this pyramid which now rises upward before my astonished eye...

Overlying this, as though it were a precious layer of malachite stone or emerald, veined with blue and gold, scarlet and purple; I see the vegetable creation with all its beauty of form and splendor of color---cedar and hyssop, olive and lily, fig and vine...A tree of life! There is no art of mankind, or science of earth to rival its magnificence.

Above this, sparkling like the stone which is full of eyes, I see the animal kingdom with its mingled varieties of symmetry and strength, energy and vitality.

It is here up higher, the pyramid is narrower, but its light is far more excellent: for the likeness of the living creatures sparkles and flashes like burning coals of fire, with an energy unseen in the broader foundations placed beneath this mighty pile...Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and fowl all magnify the Master-builder who has all ordained for them their place in this pyramid of His manifested glory.

But looking higher still, I see Adam-Man, who is made to have dominion over all the lower works of the creation of ELOHIM-God---man, of whom it is written: "Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold."

Above these ascending still higher...I see men twice-made; regenerated men, new creations! The precious sons of Zion; Sons of God! Comparable to fine gold, the peculiar portion and crown-jewels of ELOHIM-YAHWEH, Covenant God: but, can eyes endure to gaze upon the ever-glowing brightness which forms the apex of this glittering pyramid?

Above the firmament, higher than the heaven of heavens, I saw the likeness of a Throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone, and upon the Throne there sat...The Son of Man in all the brightness of His Father's glory; encircled with the rainbow of promise like unto an emerald, and hymned unto by innumerable spirits in strains celestial: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

And I heard one say: "Grace be unto you, and peace from him which IS, and which WAS, and which IS TO COME: the beginning and the end." And I looked and saw in the midst a Lamb as it had been freshly slaughtered having 7 horns and 7 eyes. And a saint said: "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him."

Art thou not overwhelmed in the vision of a MAN upon the Throne of God? MAN most true and manlike; the promised seed of the woman, yet---God over all blessed forever! The anointed Capstone of all creation!

In that pyramid crowned with such a matchless topstone, well might all the morning stars sing together and all the sons of God shout for joy! Men and angels shouting Grace! Grace unto it!