Positively True.

A

DIALOGUE

BETWEEN

ADAM AND EVE,

THE LORD AND THE DEVIL,

CALLED

THE ENDOWMENT:

As was acted by Twelve or Fifteen Thousand, in Secret, in the Nauvoo Temple, said to be revealed from God as a Reward for Building that Splendid Edifice, and the Exact Object for which it was built.

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Now if there was no deception in this Almighty Machine and Engine of Depth, (this secret face,) I would say nothing. But how can I hold my peace, when I know the foundation of a scheme that cannot fail of the literal ruin of my fellow men? Oh, if I was in possession of sufficient eloquence, I could here write a true picture of consequences, that would make the hair rise on the reader's head.

Only contemplate for one moment:—A few thousand have already arrived at their destined home, between the Rocky Mountains and the west sea, with good reasons, as they suppose, for forming this conspiracy against the government. Thousands already under their influence, all calculating to go to that place, with an inducement that the Lord has, in the Nauvoo Temple, and will reveal, great secrets, essential to their salvation. Now this is all brought on by degrees. By the time they pass through all the hardships they necessarily must in getting there, they are pretty well instructed and prepared to believe it is of God; I mean this great farce that they are all calculating to go through when they get there. The consequence must follow, that if this principle is carried out only for a very few years, it must result in a civil war; for, depend on it, when people make anything of their religion, I don't care what it is, they will fight for it with good courage.

Now, if Black Hawk could make so much trouble with the western whites, without any particular premeditation, or secret organization, or plan, what can the Indians do headed by a cunning commercial man, such as the one I have named? The Mormon Bible claims to be the Indian's record; and they are told this American land is legally theirs; that the whites have an unlawful possession and the Indians are finally to drive off the whites, and possess their father's land.

But I must close this subject, for my mind is weary with contemplating the awful consequences of this Temple farce, which I believe, at least as far as a part of it is concerned, is a cunningly devised fable of a few designing wicked men, and is in magnitude in keeping only with other enterprises of this advanced age of the world. If any think the Mormons are dying away, they can, with the same propriety say, it will never rain any more, because a great shower has just passed, and there are no clouds to be seen now. But oh, fools, can you reason on this subject with half the propriety? Is there not a cloud in the west already as big as a man's hand to be seen? I think there is, and if you are such fools as to say, as I have frequently heard of late, 'they are about dead,' you ought to receive the contents on your head.

Well, after all this, what do you believe? In answer, I would say, for the benefit of such, that I believe just what I please. There are many things concerning this Fraternity that I as fully believe in as I did when I first went with them, and always shall, from the fact that they are true; but at the same time I am free to say, that I am set against the proceedings of the Mormons at Nauvoo, and am in the full belief that as that body existed there, they were abominably cor-

rupt, and are now cursed of God; and according to Smith's last letter, (that is said to be written by him,) it shows that if he ever was a good man, he died in consequence of sin. My only apology for writing this Temple Secret, as I said before, is, that it tends to evil; and as I know many consequences of enormous magnitude, I have, after much reflection, written it out and published it, to prevent others going after it.

I will now return to the Temple ceremony:—After being instructed in many other things in this room of less consequence, I am taken by a female conductor and led to another partition which they call the Veil that separates the Holy from the Most Holy place. This thin cloth, called the Veil, is something like book-muslin, covers a vacancy left in the partition for this purpose, behind which stands a man in the Most Holy place. With him I converse, through this thin cloth. I here give him the name I confidentially received, signs, motions, etc., given to me at the different altars, which is a condition of my entrance through a door about three or four feet to the left, called the Door of the Celestial Kingdom of God. My conductor knocks at this door—it is opened by one from within, who asks, "Who is there?" My conductor replies, "One having kept all the commandments of God, (referring to the carrying out of the principles represented and acted in this farce,) desires to enter the kingdom and be forever with the Lord.

Seventh Degree in the Temple.

I now pass through this door, which brings me in a very large and spacious room, perfectly light, all nicely furnished. Representing the Celestial Kingdom of God, or the highest degree of glory that man is to arrive at in the eternal world. This being the last room, representing the final rest of man, we are now all clothed exactly alike, in fine white linen, with crowns on our heads, representing what we are finally to come in possession of—what we were ordained to in the second room, king and queen, for that is the object of this whole drama, to represent what has been and will be through time and eternity. This being the last room, we come in turn, two at a time, through all the others, here we remain as long as we please, sometimes numbering hundreds, all in white as before described, male and female, with crowns on our heads, all converging of course on the singular and unexpected blessing just received, as pretended, from the hand of the Lord, for which we have labored so hard.
most curious and novel sight. There is another door that enters this room. Many come in from that direction, that have gone through the initiation previously. This is the reason of so many being in that room. The law is, that all who have thus been initiated have the privilege of coming in this last room when they please, by going first to a certain place in the Temple and preparing themselves with the kingly apparel before described, for none are permitted to enter this holy place on any other condition than that he is one that can give the signs, &c., that he receives going through this ordeal. In this room, when thus assembled, are all the Mysteries of the Kingdom taught, such as is called the Spiritual Wife Doctrine for instance. We are here told that this ceremony is the commencement of the law of God, and the laws of the land are no more binding on us; all our former ties of marriage, &c., are all now cut asunder, and we are all thrown loose upon the world as if never married. It is now the woman's privilege to choose whom she sees fit; if she likes the one she has been living with, she can keep him; if not, she is at liberty to ship him and take another; and it is the man's privilege to have one, two, four, ten, or twenty according to his standing in the church, and the influence he has with the leader, for he is the one whom they are brought before and married over. He says every other marriage as performed by ministers, justices, &c., is null and void, and it is strictly essential to our salvation and future prosperity, both in time and eternity, that we are thus joined together. The philosophy of this is, we are ordained to be king, for instance, and what is the title good for if we have no kingdom to rule over? A king without a kingdom, would be without honor. Here you see in a hint, the foundation of this plurality of wives' system, and the object man has in getting more than one wife. He is to be promoted through all eternity, according to this theory, by his posterity, which are the subjects of his dominion; and of course the more wives, the more numerous his posterity.

I might write a volume on this principle, of facts, as taught by this leader, but I forbear, fearing it will be considered as persecution, and the object that I intended will not be accomplished; that is, giving to the world this bare Temple Ceremony, from the fact, that it is kept a secret from most of their own people, and that it tends as I have said to evil.

The question has been frequently asked me, if you have bound yourself by an oath to keep this a secret, where is the propriety of

your revealing it? My answer to such questions is, the man that conducted us through this farce, done it by cunning intrigue and usurped authority, and is himself, with the farce, an impostor on the Mormon Church, and their original principles. For instance, they have it recorded on their Church Record, that a man shall have but one wife, &c.; here he says we may have more, but makes us swear not to tell of it at the expense of life. Again: five minutes previous to my going to that altar, I knew not what they would require of me. All this come on unexpected and new, from the beginning of the farce; consequently, for the reasons above and many more that might be given, I feel under no obligation to keep it; but feel it a duty to publish it, that all who are and may come under this leader's influence, may be warned against what will prove their ruin, if his principles are carried out.

NAUVOO AND ITS TEMPLE.

The Mormon city, is in a bend on the bank of the Mississippi, and occupies an elevated position and space of about three miles one way and four the other. This ground is proromaciously built up, with a variety of houses sufficient in number to contain about fifteen thousand inhabitants. The buildings vary from a small log and mud hut, from ten to fourteen feet square, one story, to between one and two hundred feet square, four stories including basement, of brick and stone. The occupants are about one-half Americans, perhaps one-third English, and the remainder from different nations—no blacks. Public Buildings—a Seventies' Hall, of brick, two stories—a Masonic Hall of brick, four stories including basement—a Music Hall, of brick, one story, about 40 by 60 feet—an Arsenal, three story, of stone. Then the Great Temple, which is unquestionably one of the finest buildings in the country. Its location is about in the center of the city, on a hill that rises gradually from the river; it is built of white limestone quarried from the bank of the Mississippi. The architect's name is Weeks, under the superintendence of Joseph Smith. Hundreds of Mormons were employed on it, directly or indirectly from its commencement. It is eighty feet wide, one hundred and twenty-eight feet in length, and from the ground to the extreme summit; it measures two hundred and ninety-two feet. It is after no particular style of architecture. It has a portico of three archways; is surrounded with thirty polished stone pillars, at the base of which is a carved new moon inverted, while the capital of each is formed of a full head the whole breadth of the pillar, projecting out from the building, representing the rising Sun coming out from a cloud supported by two hands holding a trumpet. Directly under the tower is
had retired to rest as usual, only that his mind was drawn out in prayer and earnest desire to commune with some kind messenger on subjects which had agitated his mind. While he thus poured out his soul in prayer to God, on a sudden, a light like that of day burst into the room. At first, it was as if the room was filled with consuming fire, which caused a sensation to the extremities of his body. In a moment a personage stood before him, with an additional glory around him. His countenance was like lightning, his stature a little above the common size of men, his garments perfectly white, and had the appearance of being without seam. This personage declared himself to be an angel sent from God, to inform him of important things concerning the establishment of the true church once more for the last time on the earth. He was also informed, that the American Indians were once a prosperous and mighty nation, having prophets and inspired men among them, and the records which those inspired men wrote were hid in the earth, (the Mormon Bible,) and he was now the instrument God had chosen to bring them forth, &c. After giving much instruction concerning things past, present and future, he disappeared, but before morning, appeared twice, giving instruction concerning where the plates were, how to obtain them, &c. Those plates were in a hill near Manchester, between Palmyra and Canandaigua, N. Y. The plates were of metal, of the thickness of tin, engraved close with hieroglyphics, enclosed in a stone box, under ground. From these records, the book of Mormon was translated by Joseph Smith, and the Mormon Church organized on the 6th April, 1830, with six members.—O. Pratt’s History, a Mormon.

Joseph Smith’s Death.

He was in Carthage Jail, Ill., awaiting his trial. While there, the jail was rushed on and broken in by an armed and painted mob of from 150 to 200 men, who rushed and fired at the door. Smith was in the act of jumping out of an opposite window to save his life, when he was fired on from without and fell to the ground wounded, after which he was taken and set up against a well curb, and deliberate aim taken by four men, on which he received four balls, which terminated in immediate death. His body was taken to Nauvoo, 18 or 20 miles, before addressed, all in blood. Information was sent to Nauvoo of his death, before his body arrived, at which awful and unexpected news, the whole city of 12,000 or 15,000 inhabitants, were overwhelmed in one universal expression of sorrow, wailing, lamentation and wo! When the corpse entered the city, the streets were thronged for miles with thousands of men, women and children crowding to the main street from every direction of the city, all bathed in tears, at the loss of their beloved Prophet. The corpse was taken to his own residence, and a procession formed, and all his followers in order, in quick succession, were permitted to pass in double file, and view, for the last time, the founder of their religion. After this, his body was deposited, the public knew not where.

The substance of his doctrine was, that all the sects are wrong—that the church must be now exactly as it was 1800 years ago; organized with Apostles and Prophets, &c., of which he claimed to be one, no less sense than Isaiah, Jeremiah, or any of the old Prophets.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES
OF THE
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AGAINST
THE LIBERTIES OF THIS COUNTRY:
BEING
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AS IT WAS ACTED BY
UPWARDS OF TWELVE THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN IN SECRET,
in the Nauvoo Temple, in 1846, AND SAID TO
HAVE BEEN REVEALED FROM GOD.

BY J. McGEE VAN DUSEN AND MARY HIS WIFE,
WHO WERE
INITIATED INTO THESE DREADFUL MYSTERIES.

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THE OATH.

You do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, his holy angels, and these witnesses, that you will avenge the blood of Joseph Smith on this nation, and teach the same to your children; and that you will, from this time henceforth and forever, begin and carry out hostilities against the nation, and to keep the same intent a profound secret, now and forever. So help you God.

They are here instructed in a variety of signs, tokens, grips of the hands, key-words, &c., which signs are peculiar to this secret organization, and are to be used in the same. All are here told that the killing of Smith, in Illinois, is a national offence, and God is displeased with the same, and has ordered this secret organization for his own purpose, which purpose is the final overthrow of the whole nation eventually, when this organization is to form a part of the means God shall devise for this great purpose.

After a great variety of similar instruction, they are next conducted out into another apartment, which is ornamented to represent the present world, especially in a religious capacity, where the leaders of all the churches are brought to view and buried; and on this floor, the devil, when he comes in all fixed up in caricature fixings, and cries out, Good morning, brother Methodist, Presbyterian, Universalist, Shaking Quaker, Baptist, Roman Catholic, we have done well this winter; had good revivals—had the world nearly prepared for the millennium; but now this Joe Smith's doctrine is making rapid progress in the world, and we must be on the look out, or they will overthrow us in our long established plans, &c. After a long and laughable conversation between the devil and all the sects, personated on Orson Hyde and others, Orson (the devil) finally drinks fellowship with them all. Brigham Young next comes in as the Lord, and commands the devil to leave, and let the deceived sects alone, for the time has come when they are all to be converted to the true faith (Mormonism); and in token of having accomplished the same, all are clothed in white, exactly alike.

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After a variety of ceremonies of no small importance, a female conductor takes the man and leads him to what is called the vail, which separates the holy from the most holy place. In the vail there are a variety of corresponding marks cut, which were, given at the two altars, the meaning all explained by Brigham Young, who stands behind the vail, which consists of thin cloth, drawn on a wire across the vail, in the partition. After which the man is conducted through a door about four feet to the left, which is the entrance into the most holy place. Brigham next explains the objects of the marks in the vail to the woman alone, when he tells her she must have a corresponding one in a certain place in the foreground of her undergarment, which is his duty to perform. After which the woman is passed through the same door which the man has gone before, which brings them both into the celestial kingdom, where they are crowned king and queen; and which apartment forms a grand lodge also, where all the mysteries of the kingdom are taught by the leader—such, for instance, as the plurality of wives system; when the women are seduced, and led into all manner of abominable and licentious practices; and, in short, every thing which is of such a character that it cannot be made public, is here taught and practiced. And this is the object, no doubt, of this wonderful initiation, to restrain the mind, which it has a tendency to do, so that, in case those abominable principles should be disbelieved by some, they cannot be told of by reason of the penalty.

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of; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made him a woman, and brought her unto the man.

After going through a ceremony as in the act of taking the rib, &c., he passes out into the apartment where the woman has been placed for this purpose, and forms her of the rib. The particular manner in which this is done I will not explain: suffice it to say, it is not very long, however, before he returns, with the woman in place of no rib, and presents her directly before the man, as he sits, head down, in a profound seigneur meal. When Brigham calls out, "Adam! here is thy companion. I give her to be with thee, what wilt thou call her?"

The man now wakes up, salutes the woman, and says—"This is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man."

Brigham next orders his new made Adam and Eve to follow him out into a large room, all nicely decorated and artificially ornamented, designed to represent Eden, as we read in Genesis. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he placed the man and the woman which he had made. This room is decorated with evergreens, flowers, plants, shrubbery, &c., all tastefully arranged on the floor, forming aisles and walks, including also the tree of life, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the flaming sword, &c.

In all this Brigham assumes to personate the Deity. He then walks round, showing to his new-born subjects the beauties of his new creation, and says to the man and woman, "This is a beautiful place; every thing to delight the eye, the ear, and the taste. Of all these things you may freely partake; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (pointing to it), of this you may not partake, for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die."

After giving strict charge of all the particulars of the garden, and what is to be in the future, Brigham leaves his Adam and Eve alone in the garden, to amuse themselves as seemeth them good.

Now, the serpent, who was Orson Hyde (who acted the part of the Devil in this ceremony, which part was well sustained, he being two thirds devil himself), being more subtle than any beast of the Temple, which Brigham Young had made, comes into the garden in caricature costume, and disturbs the quiet abode of the man and woman, whom Brigham had left alone, by saying, "Yea, hath the Lord (Brigham) said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" And the woman said unto the Devil (Orson Hyde), "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden the Lord (Brigham) hath said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." And the Devil said unto the woman, "Thou shalt not surely die!" (For Brigham Young doth know, that in the day he succeeds in making you believe that this wonderful device of his and his associates is a revelation from God, and that he is commanded by him to palm it on you all, as being a reward from God for building this Temple, then your eyes will be closed to all virtuous principles, and you shall not be able to discern between God’s truth and Brigham’s lies. After this he can also easily make you believe that God has given you to him and his associates for a spiritual wife, that a holy seed may be more speedily raised up, to populate the Mormon city in the Great Salt Lake valley (California), in order that his evil purposes may be accomplished.)

And when the woman saw the wonderful device of Brigham Young and his associates she was deceived, and so was also the man, and their eyes were closed; and they were thus subjected, in the future, to be led by Brigham to California, and to do whatsoever he listeth to have done. And they knew that they were naked, and they had them furnished small aprons of white cloth, about eighteen inches square, on which were green silk leaves pasted.

By this time Brigham Young is heard coming toward the garden, and the man and woman both hide together in the shrubbery of the garden, from the presence of Brigham Young. When he comes in, after walking round a few times, he stops, and calls out, "Adam! where art thou?" And he answered, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and hid myself." And Brigham said, "Who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee saying thou shouldst not eat?" And the
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