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**COMPARISON OF THE TEXTS OF
DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 76 AND
JOSEPH SMITH'S POETIC RENDITION OF THE VISION**

Courtesy of Dr. Lawrence Flake from his book "Three Degrees of Glory"

The scriptural text appears on the left side of the page, and the poetic version on the right. Corresponding wording and concepts are found as nearly as possible across from each other. Words and ideas found in one version but not the other are in bold print. The scriptural verse numbers (76:1-119) usually do not correspond to the poem's stanza numbers (1-78). The reader should not take *every* change in the poem to be significant, because many of them were probably made just to preserve the meter and rhyme of the poem.

By studying both the poem and the scripture, one can greatly increase his or her understanding of and appreciation for this magnificent revelation the Prophet Joseph Smith called, the Vision. What a blessing it is to have them both!

**DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 76
THE VISION**

*1 Hear, O ye heavens, and give ear, O earth, and rejoice ye inhabitants **thereof**, for the Lord is God, and beside him there **is no** Savior.*

*2 Great is his wisdom, **marvelous** are his ways, **and** the extent of his doings none can **find out**.*

*3 His purposes fail not, **neither are there any who can stay his hand**.*

*4 From **eternity to eternity** he is the same, and his years never fail.*

*5 For thus saith the Lord--I, **the Lord**, am merciful **and** gracious unto those **who** fear me, **and** delight to honor **those who** serve me in righteousness **and in truth** unto the end.*

*6 Great **shall be** their reward and eternal **shall be** their glory.*

*7 **And** to them will I reveal all mysteries, **yea, all** the hidden mysteries **of** my kingdom from **days of***

old**, and for ages to come, will I **make known

**POETIC RENDITION:
"THE ANSWER: A VISION"**

THE ANSWER.

TO W. W. PHELPS, ESQ.

A Vision.

**1. I will go, I will go, to the home of the Saints,
Where the virtue's the value, and life the reward;
But before I return to my former estate
I must fulfil the mission I had from the Lord.**

2. Wherefore, hear, O ye heavens, and give ear O ye earth;
And rejoice ye inhabitants **truly again**;
For the Lord **he** is God, **and his life never ends**,
And besides him there **ne'er was a Saviour of men**.

3. His ways are **a wonder**; his wisdom is great;
The extent of his doings, **there's** none can **unveil**;
His purposes fail not; from **age unto age**
He **still** is the same, and his years never fail.

**4. His throne is the heavens, his life time is all
Of eternity now, and eternity then;
His union is power, and none stays his hand,-**

The Alpha, Omega, for ever: Amen.

5. For thus saith the Lord, **in the spirit of truth**,
I am merciful, gracious, **and good** unto those
That fear me, **and live for the life that's to come**;
My delight is to honor **the saints with repose**;

6. That serve me in righteousness **true** to the end;
Eternal's their glory, and great their reward;
I'll **surely** reveal all **my** myst'ries to them,-
Tho **great** hidden myst'ries **in** my kingdom **stor'd-**

7. From the council in Kolob, to time on the earth.

unto them **the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom.**

8 **Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations.**

9 **And their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught.**

10 **For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will--yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.**

11 **We, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, being in the Spirit on the sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two--**

12 **By the power of the Spirit our eyes were opened and our understandings were enlightened, so as to see and understand the things of God--**

13 **Even those things which were from the beginning before the world was, which were ordained of the Father, through his Only Begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the Father, even from the beginning;**

14 **Of whom we bear record; and the record which we bear is the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the Son, whom we saw and with whom we conversed in the heavenly vision.**

15 **For while we were doing the work of translation, which the Lord had appointed unto us, we came to the twenty-ninth verse of the fifth chapter of John,**

And for ages to come unto them I will **show My pleasure & will, what my kingdom will do:** Eternity's wonders they truly shall know.

8. **Great things of the future I'll show unto them, Yea, things of the vast generations to rise; f or their wisdom and glory shall be very great, And their pure understanding extend to the skies:**
9. **And before them the wisdom of wise men shall cease, And the nice understanding of prudent ones fail! For the light of my spirit shall light mine elect, And the truth is so mighty 't will ever prevail.**
10. **And the secrets and plans of my will I'll reveal; The sanctified pleasures when earth is renew'd, What the eye hath not seen, nor the earth hath yet heard; Nor the heart of the natural man ever hath view'd.**

11. **I, Joseph, the prophet, in spirit beheld, And the eyes of the inner man truly did see Eternity sketch'd in a vision from God, Of what was, and now is, and yet is to be.**

12. **Those things which the Father ordained of old, Before the world was, or a system had run,- Through Jesus the Maker and Savior of all; The only begotten, (Messiah) his son.**

13. **Of whom I bear record, as all prophets have, And the record I bear is the fulness,--yea even The truth of the gospel of Jesus--the Christ, With whom I convers'd, in the vision of heav'n.**

14. **For while in the act of translating his word, Which the Lord in his grace had appointed to me, I came to the gospel recorded by John, Chapter fifth and the twenty ninth verse,**

which was given unto us as follows--

16 *Speaking of the resurrection of the dead, concerning those who shall hear the voice of the Son of Man:*

17 *And shall come forth; they who have done good, in the resurrection of the just; and they who have done evil, in the resurrection of the unjust.*

18 *Now this caused us to marvel, for it was given unto us of the Spirit.*

19 *And while we meditated upon these things, the Lord touched the eyes of our understandings and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about.*

20 *And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father, and received of his fulness;*

21 *And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before his throne, worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.*

22 *And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all which we give of him: That he lives!*

23 *For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father--*

24 *That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.*

25 *And this we saw also, and bear record, that an angel of God who was in authority in the*

which you'll see.

Which was given as follows:

"Speaking of the resurrection of the dead,-

"Concerning those who shall hear the voice of
"the son of man-

"And shall come forth:-

"They who have done good in the resurrection of the just.

"And they who have done evil in the resurrection of the
"unjust.

15. **I marvel'd at these resurrections, indeed!**

For it **came** unto **me** by the spirit **direct**:-

And while **I did** meditate **what it all meant**,

The Lord touch'd the eyes of **my own intellect**:-

16. **Hosanna forever!** they open'd **anon**,
And the glory of God shone around **where I was**;
And **there** was the Son, at the Father's right hand,
In a fulness of glory, and holy applause.

17. **I beheld round the throne**, holy angels **and hosts**,
And sanctified **beings from worlds that have been**,
In holiness worshipping God and the Lamb,
Forever and ever, **amen and amen!**

18. And now after **all of the proofs made** of him,
By witnesses truly, by whom he was known,
This is **mine**, last of all, that he lives; **yea he lives!**
And sits at the right hand of God, **on his throne.**

19. And **I heard a great voice**, bearing record **from**
heav'n,

He's the **Saviour, and** only begotten of **God--**

By him, **of him**, and through him, the worlds were **all**
made,

Even all that career in the heavens so broad,

20. **Whose inhabitants, too, from the first to the last**,

Are sav'd by the very same Saviour of ours;

And, of course, are begotten God's daughters and sons,

By the very same truths, and the very same pow'rs.

21. And **I saw** and bear record **of warfare in heav'n;**

presence of God, who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son whom the Father loved and who was in the bosom of the Father, was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son,

26 And was called Perdition, for the heavens wept over him--he was Lucifer, a son of the morning.

27 And we beheld, and lo, he is fallen! is fallen, even a son of the morning!

28 And while we were yet in the Spirit, the Lord commanded us that we should write the vision; for we beheld Satan, that old serpent, even the devil, who rebelled against God, and sought to take the kingdom of our God and his Christ--
29 Wherefore, he maketh war with the saints of God, and encompasseth them round about.

30 And we saw a vision of the sufferings of those with whom he made war and overcame, for thus came the voice of the Lord unto us:

31 Thus saith the Lord concerning all those who know my power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves through the power of the devil to be overcome, and to deny the truth and defy my power--
32 They are they who are the sons of perdition, of whom I say that it had been better for them never to have been born;

33 For they are vessels of wrath, doomed to suffer the wrath of God, with the devil and his angels in eternity;

34 Concerning whom I have said there is no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come--
35 Having denied the Holy Spirit after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten

**For an angel of light, in authority great,
 Rebell'd against Jesus, and sought for his pow'r,
 But was thrust down to woe from his Godified state.**

22. And the heavens **all** wept, **and the tears drop'd like dew,**
That Lucifer, son of the morning **had fell!**
Yea, is fallen! is fall'n, **and become, Oh, alas!**
The son of Perdition; the devil of hell!

23. And while **I** was yet in the spirit of truth,
 The commandment **was:** write **ye** the vision **all out;**
 For Satan, old serpent, **the devil's** for war,--
 And **yet will** encompass the saints round about.

24. And I saw, too, the suffering and **mis'ry** of those,
 (Overcome **by the devil, in warfare and fight,**)
In hell fire, and vengeance, the doom of the damn'd;
 For the Lord **said, the vision is further: so write.**

25. **For** thus saith the Lord, **now** concerning all those
 Who know of my power and partake **of the same;**
 And suffer themselves, **that they** be overcome
By the power of **Satan; despising my name:-**
 26. Defying my power, and denying the truth;-
 They are **they--of the world, or of men, most forlorn,**
 The Sons of Perdition, of whom, ah! I say,
'T were better for them **had they** never been born!

27. They're vessels of wrath, and dishonor to God,
Doom'd to suffer **his** wrath, in the regions of woe,
Through the terrific night of eternity's round,
 With the devil and all **of** his angels **below:**

28. Of whom **it is** said, no forgiveness **is giv'n,**
 In this world, **alas!** nor the world **that's** to come;

For they have denied the spirit of God.
 After having receiv'd it: and **mis'ry's** their doom.

Son of the Father, having crucified him unto themselves and put him to an open shame.

36 These are they who shall go away into the lake of fire and brimstone, with the devil and his angels--

37 And the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power;

38 Yea, verily, the only ones who shall not be redeemed in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of his wrath.

39 For all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, through the triumph and the glory of the Lamb, who was slain, who was in the bosom of the Father before the worlds were made.

40 And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us--

41 That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness;

42 That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him;

43 Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him.

44 Wherefore, he saves all except them--they shall go away into everlasting punishment, which is endless punishment, which is eternal punishment,

to reign with the devil and his angels in eternity,

29. And denying the only begotten of God,-
And crucify him to themselves, as they do,
And openly put him to shame in their flesh,
By gospel they cannot repentance renew.

30. They are they, who must go to the great lake of fire,
Which burneth with brimstone, yet never consumes,
And dwell with the devil, and angels of his,
While eternity goes and eternity comes.

31. These are they, who must groan through the great second death,
And are not redeemed in the time of the Lord;

While all the rest are, through the triumph of Christ,
Made partakers of grace, by the power of his word.

32. The myst'ry of Godliness truly is great;-
The past, and the present, and what is to be;
And this is the gospel--glad tidings to all,
Which the voice from the heavens bore record to me:

33. That he came to the world in the middle of time,
To lay down his life for his friends and his foes,
And bear away sin as a mission of love;
And sanctify earth for a blessed repose.

34. 'Tis decreed, that he'll save all
the work of his hands,
And sanctify them by his own precious blood;
And purify earth for the Sabbath of rest,
By the agent of fire, as it was by the flood.

35. The Savior will save all his Father did give,
Even all that he gave in the regions abroad,
Save the Sons of Perdition: They're lost; ever lost,
And can never return to the presence of God.

36. They are they, who must reign with the devil in

where **their** worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched, **which** is their torment--

45 And the end **thereof**, **neither** the place **thereof**, nor their torment, **no man** knows;

46 **Neither** was it revealed, **neither** is, **neither** will be revealed unto man, **except** to them who are made partakers **thereof**;

47 **Nevertheless, I, the Lord**, show it by vision unto many, **but** straightway shut it up again;

48 **Wherefore, the end**, the width, **the height**, the depth, and the misery thereof, **they understand not**, **neither** any man **except** those who are ordained unto this condemnation.

49 And we heard the voice, saying: Write the vision, for lo, this is the end of the vision of the sufferings of **the ungodly**.

50 And again we bear record--**for we saw and heard**, and this is the testimony of the gospel of Christ concerning **them** who shall come forth in the resurrection of **the just**--

51 **They are they** who received the testimony of **Jesus**, and believed on **his name** and were baptized **after the manner of his burial**, being buried in the water **in his name**, and this according to the commandment which he has given--

52 **That by** keeping the commandments they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins, and receive the **Holy Spirit** by the laying on of the hands of **him** who is ordained and sealed unto this power;

53 And **who** overcome by faith, and are sealed by the **Holy Spirit** of promise, **which the Father** sheds forth upon all those who are just and true.

54 They are they **who** are the church of the Firstborn.

hell,

In eternity **now**, and eternity **then**,
Where **the** worm dieth not, and the fire is not quench'd;-
And the punishment **still**, is eternal. Amen.

37. And **which** is the torment apostates receive,
But the end, or the place **where** the torment** began,
Save to them who are made to partake of the same,
Was **never**, nor will be, revealed unto man.

38. **Yet God** shows by vision a glimpse of their fate,
And straightway **he** closes the scene that was shown:
So the width, or the depth, or the misery thereof,
Save to those that partake, is forever unknown.

39. And while **I** was pondering, the vision was closed;
And the voice said to me, write the vision: for lo!
'Tis the end of the scene of the sufferings of **those**,
Who remain filthy still in their anguish and woe.

40. And again **I** bear record of heavenly things,
Where virtue's the value, above all that's pric'd
Of the truth of the gospel concerning the just,
That rise in the first resurrection of Christ.

41. Who receiv'd and believ'd, and repented likewise,
And then were baptiz'd, as a man always was,
Who ask'd and receiv'd a remission of sin,
And honored the kingdom by keeping its laws.

42. Being buried in water, as **Jesus** had been,
And keeping the whole of his holy commands,
They received the gift of the spirit of truth,
by the ordinance truly of laying on hands.

43. **For** these overcome, by their faith and their works,
Being tried in their life time, as purified gold,
And seal'd by the spirit of promise, to life,
By men called of God, as was Aaron of old.

44. They are they, of the church of the firstborn of God,-

55 *They are they into whose hands the Father has given all things--*
 56 *They are they who are priests and kings, who have received of his fulness, and of his glory;*

57 *And are priests of the Most High, after the order of Melchizedek, which was after the order of Enoch, which was after the order of the Only Begotten Son.*
 58 *Wherefore, as it is written, they are gods, even the sons of God--*
 59 *Wherefore, all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are theirs and they are Christ's, and Christ is God's.*
 60 *And they shall overcome all things.*

61 *Wherefore, let no man glory in man, but rather let him glory in God, who shall subdue all enemies under his feet.*

62 *These shall dwell in the presence of God and his Christ forever and ever.*

63 *These are they whom he shall bring with him, when he shall come in the clouds of heaven to reign on the earth over his people.*

64 *These are they who shall have part in the first resurrection.*

65 *These are they who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just.*

66 *These are they who are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the*

heavenly place, the holiest of all.

67 *These are they who have come to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of Enoch, and of the*

And unto whose hands he committeth all things; For they hold the keys of the kingdom of heav'n, And reign with the Savior, as priests, and as kings.

45. **They're priests of the order of Melchisedek [sic.], Like Jesus, (from whom is this highest reward,) Receiving a fulness of glory and light;**

As written: They're Gods; even sons of **the Lord.**

46. **So all things are theirs; yea, of life, or of death; Yea, whether things now, or to come, all are theirs, And they are the Savior's, and he is the Lord's,**

Having overcome all, as eternity's heirs.

47. **'Tis wisdom that man never glory in man, but give God the glory for all that he hath; For the righteous will walk in the presence of God, While the wicked are trod under foot in his wrath.**

48. **Yea, the righteous shall dwell in the presence of God, And of Jesus, forever, from earth's second birth- For when he comes down in the splendor of heav'n, All these he'll bring with him, to reign on the earth.**

49. **These are they that arise in their bodies of flesh, When the trump of the first resurrection shall sound;**

These are they that come up to Mount Zion, in life, Where the blessings and gifts of the spirit abound.

50. **These are they that have come to the heavenly place; To the numberless courses of angels above: To the city God; e'en the holiest of all, And the home of the blessed, the fountain of love:**

51. **To the church of old Enoch, and of the first born: And gen'ral assembly of ancient renown'd.**

Firstborn.

68 **These are they** whose names are written in heaven, where **God and Christ are the judge of all.**

69 **These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood.**

70 **These are they** whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun, even the glory of God, the **highest of all, whose glory the sun of the firmament is written of as being typical.**

71 **And again, we saw the terrestrial world, and behold and lo, these are they who are of the terrestrial, whose glory differs from that of the church of the Firstborn who have received the fulness of the Father, even as that of the moon differs from the sun in the firmament.**

72 **Behold, these are they who died without law;**

73 **And also they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh;**

74 **Who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it.**

75 **These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men.**

76 **These are they who receive of his glory, but not of his fulness.**

77 **These are they who receive of the presence of the Son, but not of the fulness of the Father.**

78 **Wherefore, they are bodies terrestrial, and not bodies celestial, and differ in glory as the moon differs from the sun.**

79 **These are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus; wherefore, they obtain not the crown over the kingdom of our God.**

80 **And now this is the end of the vision which**

Whose names are **all kept in the archives of heav'n, As chosen and faithful, and fit to be crown'd.**

52. **These are they that** are perfect through Jesus' own blood,

Whose bodies celestial are mention'd by Paul, **Where the sun is the typical glory thereof, And God, and his Christ, are the true judge of all.**

53. **Again I beheld the terrestrial world, In the order and glory of Jesus, go on; 'Twas not as the church of the first born of God, But shone in its place, as the moon to the sun.**

54. **Behold, these are they that have died without law; The heathen of ages that never had hope, And those of the region and shadow of death, The spirits in prison, that light has brought up.**

55. **To spirits in prison the Savior once preach'd, And taught them the gospel, with powers afresh; And then were the living baptiz'd for their dead, That they might be judg'd as if men in the flesh.**

56. **These are they that are hon'able men of the earth; Who were blinded and dup'd by the cunning of men: They receiv'd not the truth of the Savior at first; But did, when they heard it in prison, again.**

57. **Not valiant for truth, they obtain'd not the crown, But are of that glory that's typ'd by the moon: They are they, that come into the presence of Christ, But not to the fulness of God, on his throne.**

we saw of the terrestrial, that the Lord commanded us to write while we were yet in the Spirit.

81 And again, we saw the glory of the telectual, which glory is that of the lesser, even as the glory of the stars differs from that of the glory of the moon in the firmament.

82 These are they who received not the gospel of Christ, neither the testimony of Jesus.

83 These are they who deny not the Holy Spirit.

84 These are they who are thrust down to hell.

85 These are they who shall not be redeemed from the devil until the last resurrection, until the

Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work.

86 These are they who receive not of his fulness in the eternal world, but of the Holy Spirit through the ministration of the terrestrial;

87 And the terrestrial through the ministration of the celestial.

88 And also the telectual receive it of the administering of angels who are appointed to minister for them, or who are appointed to be ministering spirits for them; for they shall be heirs of salvation.

89 And thus we saw, in the heavenly vision, the glory of the telectual, which surpasses all understanding;

90 And no man knows it except him to whom God has revealed it.

91 And thus we saw the glory of the terrestrial

58. Again **I beheld** the telectual, as **third**,
The lesser, or **starry world**, next in its place.
For the leaven must leaven three measures of meal,
And every knee bow that is subject to grace.

59. These are they that receiv'd not the gospel of Christ,
Or evidence, either, that he ever was;
As the stars are all diff'rent in glory and light.
So differs the glory of these by the laws.

60. These are they **that** deny not the spirit of **God,**
But are thrust down to hell, **with** the devil, **for sins,**
As hypocrites, **liars, whoremongers, and thieves,**
And stay 'till the last resurrection begins.

61. 'Till the Lamb shall have finish'd the work **he begun;**
Shall have trodden the wine press, in fury alone,
And overcome all by the pow'r of his might:
He conquers to conquer, and save all his own.

62. These are they **that** receive not a fulness of **light,**
From Christ, in eternity's world, where they are,
The terrestrial **sends them the Comforter, though;**
And minist'ring angels, to happify there.

63. And **so** the telectual is minister'd to,
By ministers from the terrestrial one,
As terrestrial is, from the celestial throne;
And the great, greater, greatest, seem's stars, moon,
and sun.

64. And thus **I beheld**, in the vision of heav'n,
The telectual glory, **dominion and bliss,**
Surpassing **the great** understanding of men,-
Unknown, save reveal'd, in a world vain as this.

*which excels in **all things** the glory of the
telestial, **even in glory, and in power, and in
might, and in dominion.***

*92 **And thus we saw the glory of the celestial,
which excels in all things--where God, even the
Father, reigns upon his throne forever and ever;***

*93 **Before whose throne all things bow in humble
reverence, and give him glory forever and ever.***

*94 **They who dwell in his presence are the
church of the Firstborn; and they see as they are
seen, and know as they are known, having
received of his fulness and of his grace;***

*95 **And he makes them equal in power, and in
might, and in dominion.***

*96 **And the glory of the celestial is one, even as
the glory of the sun is one.***

*97 **And the glory of the terrestrial is one, even as
the glory of the moon is one.***

*98 **And the glory of the telestial is one, even as
the glory of the stars is one; for as one star
differs from another star in glory, even so differs
one from another in glory in the telestial world;***

*99 **For these are they who are of Paul, and of
Apollos, and of Cephas.***

*100 **These are they who say they are some of one
and some of another--some of Christ and some
of John, and some of Moses, and some of Elias,
and some of Esaias, and some of Isaiah, and
some of Enoch;***

*101 **But received not the gospel, neither the
testimony of Jesus, neither the prophets, neither
the everlasting covenant.***

*102 **Last of all, these all are they who will not be
gathered with the saints, to be caught up unto the
church of the Firstborn, and received into the
cloud.***

**65. And lo, I beheld the terrestrial, too,
Which excels the telestial in glory and light,
In splendor, and knowledge, and wisdom, and joy,
In blessings, and graces, dominion and might.**

**66. I beheld the celestial, in glory sublime;
Which is the most excellent kingdom that is,-
Where God, e'en the Father, in harmony reigns;
Almighty, supreme, and eternal, in bliss.**

**67. Where the church of the first born in union reside,
And they see as they're seen, and they know as they're
known;
Being equal in power, dominion and might,
With a fulness of glory and grace, round his throne.**

**68. The glory celestial is one like the sun;
The glory terrestr'al is one like the moon;
The glory telestial is one like the stars,
And all harmonize like the parts of a tune.**

**69. As the stars are all different in lustre and size,
So the telestial region, is mingled in bliss;
From least unto greatest, and greatest to least,
The reward is exactly as promis'd in this.**

**70. These are they that came out for Apollos and Paul
for Cephas and Jesus, in all kinds of hope;
For Enoch and Moses, and Peter, and John;
For Luther and Calvin, and even the Pope.**

**71. For they never received the gospel of Christ,
Nor the prophetic spirit that came from the Lord;
Nor the covenant neither, which Jacob once had;
They went their own way, and they have their reward.**

**72. By the order of God, last of all, these are they,
That will not be gather'd with saints here below,
To be caught up to Jesus, and meet in the cloud:-**

103 *These are they **who are liars, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and whoremongers, and whosoever loves and makes a lie.***

104 *These are they who suffer the wrath of God on earth.*

105 *These are they **who** suffer the vengeance of eternal fire.*

106 *These are they who are cast down to hell and suffer the wrath of Almighty God, until the fulness of times, **when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have perfected his work;***

107 *When he shall deliver up the kingdom, and present it unto the Father, spotless, saying: **I have overcome and have trodden the wine-press alone, even the wine-press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.***

108 *Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever.*

109 *But behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world, that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven, or as the sand upon the seashore;*

110 *And heard the voice of the Lord saying: **These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne forever and ever;***

111 *For they shall be judged according to their works, and every man shall receive according to his own works, his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared;*

112 *And they shall be servants of the Most High; but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end.*

113 *This is the end of the vision which we saw, which we were commanded to write while we were yet in the Spirit.*

114 *But great and marvelous are the works of the Lord, and the mysteries of his kingdom which he showed unto us, which surpass all*

In darkness they worshipp'd; to darkness they go.

73. These are they **that are sinful, the wicked at large, That glutted their passion by meanness or worth; All liars, adulterers, sorc'ers, and proud;** And suffer, as promis'd, God's wrath on the earth.

74. These are they **that must** suffer the vengeance of hell, 'Till Christ shall have trodden all enemies down, And perfected his work, **in** the fulness of times: **And is** crown'd on his throne with his glorious crown.

75. **The vast multitude** of the telestial world- As the stars of **the skies**, or the sands of the sea;- The voice of **Jehovah echo'd far and wide**, Ev'ry tongue shall confess, and **they** all bow the knee.

76. Ev'ry man shall be judg'd **by the works of his life**, And receive a **reward** in the mansions prepar'd; **For his judgments are just, and his works never end**, **As his prophets** and servants **have always declar'd.**

77. But the great things of God, which he show'd unto

understanding in glory, and in might, and in dominion;

115 Which he commanded us we should not write while we were yet in the Spirit, and are not lawful for man to utter;

116 Neither is man capable to make them known, for they are only to be seen and understood by the power of the Holy Spirit, which God bestows on those who love him, and purify themselves before him;

117 To whom he grants this privilege of seeing and knowing for themselves;

118 That through the power and manifestation of the Spirit, while in the flesh, they may be able to bear his presence in the world of glory.

119 And to God and the Lamb be glory, and honor, and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Unlawful to utter, **I dare not declare;**

They surpass all **the wisdom** and **greatness of men,**

And only are seen, **as has Paul,** where they are.

**78. I will go, I will go, while the secret of life,
Is blooming in heaven, and blasting in hell;
Is leaving on earth, and a budding in space:-
I will go, I will go, with you, brother, farewell.**

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