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Denver, June 27 1896.

My Dear Daughters of Zion in Jerusalem;

Greeting in the name of the Anointed.

I am under the impression that these special pioneers in the great cause of Koreshanity, the cause upon which the world depends for its succor from its perils of evil, and the universe for its perpetuity, and the Gods and all men for assurance of the future; You noble souls who have made many and great sacrifices, HAVE STILL LEFT SOME MOST IMPORTANT OBLIGATION UNFUL-FILLED.

You know that I love you and regard you worthy of exalted positions in the authority of my kingdom, and in the bosom of my devotion. I also, know, that you love my cause for the reason that it is yours not merely, but because, also, you know the responsibility and the work is mine, and I am yours. You are great in many things, would that you might be great in all things. Magnanimity in devotion, in sacrifice, in patient endurance, in tenderness to the weak and young and uninitiated falls naturally and inevit-ably as incident to the routine of your careers as you associate in the undertaking of establishing the kingdom of righteousness.

Are you doing all in your power to assure the success of founding the New Jerusalem? Are you fostering the spirit of unity, expurgating from your consciousness the aspirations for supremacy one over the other, and yielding to the spirit of unity for the promotion of all the interests of our kingdom? Search your own hearts and ascertain if there be anything to militate against the creation of the reservoir of potency upon which depends the unity of government.

The character of many of our Society who are sensitive in our midst reflect the condition of the fountain generated at the court of our king-
dom.

FOR THIS CONDITION YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE. I PLACE THE BURDEN UPON YOU, defined in these following sentences. I feel the consciousness that I shall not appeal in vain. I believe that VICTORIA is unhappy from causes which are in your power to eradicate, but I am very well aware that it will call for some concessions and humiliations of pride and consciousness of author-ity, and assumed rights.

One of the great curses of our institution has been in the hero or heroine worship which draws into abnormal vortices of favoritism such as are weak enough to be tempted into the violation of the great Messianic principle, and of the body of Koreshanity, inaugurative of the baptism to come. There is but one Hero now to whom homage is supremely due, one Heroine to be generated through the creative power of your combined devotion.

You are to be little children, only to such is the kingdom of heaven open.

To become such exhibits in those who may accomplish it that superlative magnanimity which signalizes the achievement of the grandure of Deific triumph.

I have left you in my stead because I am compelled through duty to you and the cause to absent myself from the place of my joy.

I HAVE LEFT IN YOUR CHARGE AND IN YOUR HANDS A VERY TENDER PLANT TO BE CHERISHED AND NOURISHED FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVENS SAKE; are you causing her to feel not from mere duty, but from loving hearts that SHE is the apple of your eye, the hope of your Empire? IF NOT then AT ONCE amend your purposes and efforts, and QUICKLY BEFORE DISASTER FALLS UPON AND BLIGHTS THE LITTLE GARDEN OF EDEN WHEREIN I WOULD PLANT MY KINGDOM.

Jerusalem the happy, GENERATE AND APPLY THE BALM OF GILEAD TO A WOUNDED HEART.

It is impossible for me to come to you now, I will come when I can relieve the financial burden now upon you. In the meantime, you must unitedly determine to engage as one mind and one purpose to establish a perfect reconciliation between yourselves and VICTORIA.

I trust that I may depend upon you to be reconciled to one another, first of all, that you may dissipate every vestage of disunity, that you agree among yourselves not to carry to VICTORIA any reports of disparaging remarks about her, that you may support one another in the determination to render her HAPPY, and in doing so in fitting her for her office.

I AM AFRAID YOU ARE WORKING IN DANGEROUS LINES. Will you reconcile yourselves to one another and then to HER, and adopt measures to maintain HER IN A HAPPY FRAME OF MIND that I may unrestrainedly pursue the public work now devolving upon me for the promotion of your good and the development and prosperity of the cause of New Jerusalem.

It may call for some concessions and some first ~~step~~ steps on your part, but shall I appeal in vain? I know you love me, and because I know this I can depend upon immediate action in the right direction.

You will know what will please VICTORIA. GRANT HER YOUR APPROVAL, AND FOR MY SAKE AND THE GLORY OF OUR CAUSE SWEETEN THE FOUNTAIN AND RESERVOIR OF THE WORLDS FINAL DELIVERANCE.

I hope to come to you soon, in the meantime aid me in my effort to lift the burden of incumbrance which now involves us.

As Ever most lovingly yours

(Signed)

Cyrus Shepherd.