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CONCERNING THE

EARTHS IN THE UNIVERSE.

1. **INASMUCH** as, by the divine mercy of the Lord, things interior are open to me, which appertain to my spirit, and thereby it has been granted me to discourse not only with spirits and angels who are near our earth, but also with those who are near other earths; and whereas I had a desire to know whether other earths exist, and of what sort they are, and what is the nature and quality of their inhabitants, therefore it has been granted me of the Lord, to discourse and converse with spirits and angels who are from other earths, with some for a day, with some for a week, and with some for months, and to be instructed by them concerning the earths, from which and near which they were, and concerning the lives, customs, and worship of the inhabitants thereof, with various other things worthy to be noted: And whereas in this manner it has been granted me to become acquainted with such things, it is permitted to describe them according to what has been heard and seen. It is to be observed,

that all spirits and angels are from the human race; (a) and that they are near their respective earths; (b) and that they are acquainted with things on those earths; and that by them man may be instructed, if his interiors be so open, as to be enabled to speak and converse with them; for man in his essence is a spirit, (c) and together with spirits as to his interiors; (d) wherefore he, whose interiors are opened by the Lord, may discourse with them, as man with man; (e) which privilege has been granted me now for twelve years daily.

Extracts from the Arcana Coelestia.

(a) That there are no spirits and angels, but what were of the human race, n. 1880.

(b) That the spirits of every earth are near to their own particular earth, because they are from the inhabitants of that earth, and of a similar genius and temper; and that they are serviceable to those inhabitants, n. 9968.

(c) That the soul, which lives after death, is the spirit of man, which is the real man in him, and also appears in another life in a perfect human form, n. 322, 1880, 1881, 3633, 4622, 4735, 6054, 6605, 6626, 7021, 10594.

(d) That man, even during his abode in the world, as to his interiors, consequently as to his spirit or soul, is in the midst of spirits and angels, of a nature and quality agreeing to his own, n. 2378, 3645, 4067, 4073, 4077.

(e) That man is capable of discoursing with spirits and angels, and that the ancients on our

2. That there are several earths, and men upon them, and thence spirits and angels, is a thing most perfectly well known in another life, for it is there granted to every one, who desires it from a love of truth and consequent use, to discourse with the spirits of other earths, and thereby to be confirmed concerning a plurality of worlds, and to be informed, that the human race is not confined to one earth only, but extends to earths innumerable; and moreover to know, what is the particular genius, manner of life, and also divine worship, prevailing amongst the inhabitants of each particular earth.

3. I have occasionally discoursed on this subject with the spirits of our earth, and the result of our conversation was, that any man, of an enlarged understanding, may conclude from various considerations, that there are several earths, and that they are inhabited by men; for it is a suggestion of reason, that so great material masses as the planets are, some of which far exceed this earth in magnitude, are not empty masses, and created only to be conveyed in their revolutions round the sun, and to shine with their scanty light for the benefit of one earth did frequently discourse with them, n. 67, 68, 69, 784, 1634, 1636, 7802. But that at this day it is dangerous to discourse with them, unless man be in a true faith, and be led of the Lord, n. 784, 9438, 10751.