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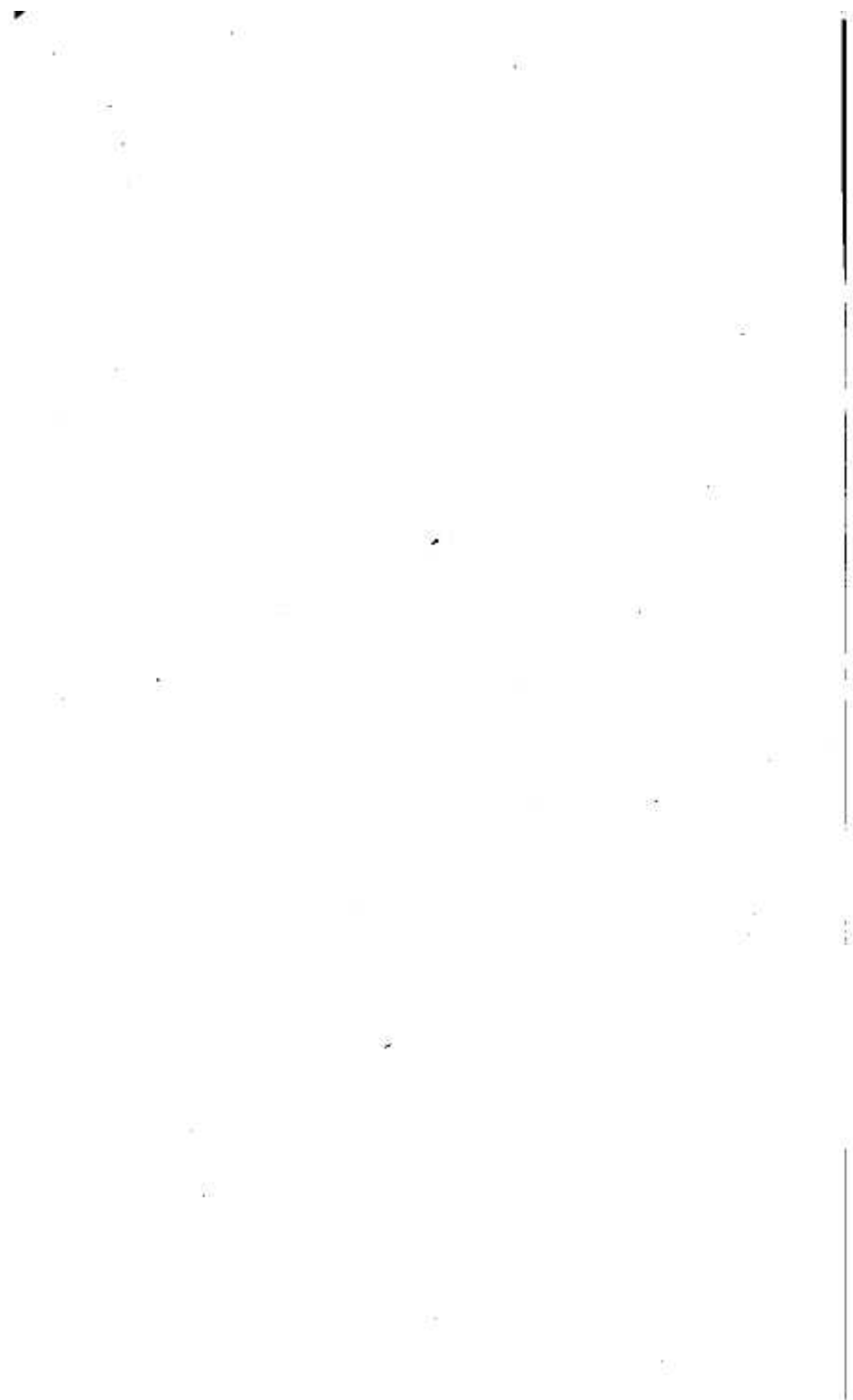
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Beginning with the "Revelations of St. John," one of the oldest books of the New Testament, we conclude this second volume with the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke.

The Aryan, the Biblical, and the Norse mythologies, are essentially one in their personifications of the forces and aspects of Nature, which enter into all the ancient religions. The physical, the moral and spiritual, made a trinity in the Godhead bodily, or the Word made flesh. The Norse-tree Ygdrasil with its Serpent is in the same category as the Eden-tree of Knowledge and of life, whose leaves healed the nations when transplanted to the New Jerusalem. Modern researches are rapidly showing the common basis of all the old theologies, in which the Sun, as the centre, was the Saviour or Redeemer of man. One of the latest works in this direction is "The Keys of the Creeds."



THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

XIII.

The Woman, Esdras saw, and John as well,
With Eagle's wings spread over earth and hell,
Was the same Woman in the wet and dry
Who spake in language of the mystery.

God, dove-like brooding, Christian creeds
believe,

Fomented the Great Mother to conceive—
The same great Woman clothèd with the Sun,
And both begotten when the world begun,
And ever manifest upon the sky
As one with Day-spring and with the MostHigh,
Earth seems a heaven where the Gods may
dwell,

Ere in the darkness they descend to hell,
And in the role of day and night appears,
For seasons and for days and circling years,
Each various sign to speak as I ordain,
Who is the "I am" from foundation slain,
Who made the stars and set them in the sky
To speak the sure Word of their prophecy.

Now standing on the sand, the prophet saw
Old Ocean heaving with a frightful roar,

And soon he saw a horrid beast arise
 From out the sea and challenge all the skies
 With seven heads, ten horns, nor less ten crowns,
 He moved a monster in the ups and downs.
 Spotted with stars, a Leopard, he might seem—
 Against the stars of God, he did blaspheme
 With feet of Polar Bear he strode around,
 And from the Lion made his voice to sound,
 The Dragon gave him power from Satan's seat
 With great authority of cold and heat ;
 For though each time and season lopped a head
 As 'twere a death-wound, yet he was not dead,
 For like the Lamb from the foundation slain,
 Though often wounded, he was healed again,
 And by the gauge of astrologic laws,
 He wrought the Word by the Deaconic clause,
 Including Hydra with his head on head,
 Though often lopped off each rose from the dead.
 He swath'd the Woman when she fled from
 him,

The Hydra-monster of the Seraphim—
 Or if in *Draco* sore athirst and dry,
 The Brazen Serpent of the burning sky,
 Then much of Israel bitten by him died
 In Serpent-wisdom of the crucified,
 For he could heal *similia* and '*bus*,
 And make the *minus* equal to the *plus*,
 And so be Healer in emphatic wise
 By every aspect of the living skies.

They looked on him whom they had pierced
 so oft,
 Now in the shades below and now aloft.

The world all wondered such a horrid beast
 Like Jacob's God, should come up from the
 East,

And like the Son of man shine to the West
 Till the horizon lopped him of his crest.

Thus when the Dragon in his signs appeared
 An equal wonder as one to be feared,
 Like Lucifer transformed to light at par,
 To be the Saviour and the Morning Star,
 They worshiped him who was a power of God,
 And flying Serpent on the Solar road—
 An adder in the path with teeth to bite
 The heels of horses of the Sun from night.
 He sowed the Dragon's teeth, and they uprose
 Transformed to men or beasts, and armed as
 foes.

The Beast was worshiped as a sign from heaven
 To whom great power of the Lord was given ;
 For sometimes over seven signs he strode
 A dire Colossus on the heavenly road,
 And who against him dared go up to fight ?
 Who led such monstrous armies of the night—
 Who with the mouth of God such great things
 spoke

As from his nostrils went infernal smoke,
 And from his mouth infernal fire devoured
 As he came up and Jacob's coast he scoured—
 Blasphemies speaking from his dev'lish mouth
 As he led stars up over north and south,
 And clouds so tempest-tossed that they
 should be

Reserved in darkness of the mystery.

To him as to Elias, power was given
 To bind and loose for the same time in heaven,
 To the same number that the polar Bear
 In God's name two-and-forty children tear ;
 For there was *Draco* throned on Satan's seat
 To do the cold signs or the summer's heat—
 Then from his open mouth he blasphemed God
 As he Aurora Borealis trod.

And in the fierce flame, he, the Dragon red,
 Blasphemed the name as up the sky he sped—
 Blasphemed the sky—house of the Holy One,
 And them that dwell in heaven with the Sun.
 The fiery flying serpents, he sent forth
 In many legions from the frozen north,
 And as they went up in their airy flight
 They seemed transformed into the sons of light.

To him was given 'gainst the saints to stand
 And overcome them in the Holy Land
 Till times and seasons should bring forth again
 The Lamb and saints from the foundation slain.
 And they whose names not found in book of life,
 The seven signs of Bridegroom and his Wife,
 Must go with Satan to the shades below,
 Nor see how the left-handed Word can grow,
 And bud and blossom from the Serpent's root
 And in due seasons bring forth twelve of fruit.

To him who hath an ear so let him hear—
 Captor and captive in the role brought near—
 Know Alpha and Omega in the Word
 As each shall kill the other with the sword
 That has two edges and will cut all ways
 Through the twelve hundred and the sixty days,