

PREPARING YOUR ETERNAL

1. The Shakers made furniture with the attitude and care that someday angels may come and use their furniture ...and sit on Shaker chairs! ...are you willing to life and live all things as though eternal dwells in everything? ...for, despite all seeming appearances to the contrary, that is true! Eternal flows from all things temporary! ...actually, temporary falls away to reveal eternal ...then returns again and again! ...to repeatedly reveal the eternal nature of all things!

2. Eternal will either well out of you or fester within your body and life ...depending on what you have prepared or neglected! This is not a preparation of you, ...it is a preparation of eternal! ...what eternal are you willing to prepare for yourself and live? ...and though it sounds improbable that your personal eternal must be enlivened and prepared, that is quite true! ...actually, it is a wondrous privilege to prepare your own eternal!

3. What to you might be the difference between an eternalself and a self eternal? Can you sense that an eternalself is a separate and different self than as you personally experience yourself today ...as a temporal being? ...however, you are also a self eternal! ...are you willing to life and live and experience your personal eternal?

4. By preparing your eternalself, you are focused on temporal ...preparing that self for eternal, ...while in preparing eternal you are aware of your self eternal personalizing and preparing your eternal!

5. Though it may seem that as an eternal you are merely revealing what must already exist, be assured ...this is not true! ...for in revealing your eternal you are commanding [P17] and preparing that eternal! See pericope 12.

6. Preparing your personal eternal is making eternal ready for you as you truly desire ...and putting your personal eternal into condition to serve a particular purpose as you desire, declare, and command [P17,18].

7. Preparing your personal eternal begins by putting yourself and eternal into a suitable state of mind of being content ...and equipping your eternalself with necessary and desirable knowledge and skills. Are you willing to anticipate your eternal and life? ...and modify or fashion your eternal to suit you and your eternal ...and the life you truly desire? ...are you willing to declare and command that eternal?

8. Preparing your personal eternal is much more than preparing for a journey! ...it is preparing the destination of your journey! ...and the way of that journey! ...this is

truly free will! [Book 44]

9. *Your world and experiences today are composed of reactive beliefs and concepts ...and your reactions to those beliefs and concepts! ...and few if any declarations and commands! [P17,18] ...and though you may not realize it now, your personal eternal is also made of beliefs and concepts ...and your responses! ...however, in your world today, your reactions function almost entirely in opposition to your beliefs and concepts, ...while in a desirably prepared eternal, your responses support and expand what you have prepared.*

10. *By not awarefully preparing your eternalself and life ...and defaulting to the languaged self and life you are living today, you can understand that you will most certainly react against your personal eternal ...just as you react against almost every aspect of your self and life today!*

11. *Preparing your eternal will transform your self and life today ...and enliven your eternal declaration and command, ...and return you to a desirably empowered condition and situation you neglected a long time ago! ...and in that, you will discover you are already prepared! ...and have been prepared for quite a while!*

12. *If anyone prepares your personal eternal ...or prepares a place for you, you will quickly discover you are not prepared for that ...and will react in opposition to what you discover has been prepared! ...and has been prepared for a long long time!*

13. *Preparing your personal eternal is not about overcoming your present self and life, it is visualizing and preparing the full truth of your self and life today! Considering all of your previous actions and experiences, your reactions, and your activities today, what is the full truth of your self and life today? ...do you know?*

14. *The noise and confusion of the world around you ...and your daily activities tend to discontent you and obscure the personal eternal you are preparing! ...don't let that happen to you!*

15. *Each time eternal preparing was presented to the world it went through progressive changes until it was distorted and lost again and again.*

16. *The great secret of your life today is that your eternal is enlivened by you ...in communion with you! ...through declaration and command [P17,18].*

17. *There are many sincere individuals who try hard to gain some bit of eternal awareness and realization ...and catch a glimpse of the eternal they desire to live in communion with, ...and yet, they are not able to do so! ...simply because they do not create visions or images of our words [Book 30] ...and follow along!*

18. *Without clear images, your thoughts will wander terribly ...because you do not have something to focus on. Some people refer to wandering thoughts as "monkey mind"!*

...we prefer to think of it as "mindless mind"! ...after all, and think carefully about this, do you really believe mind "thinks" words and languages ...feelings and emotions, ...or visions and images ...much like dreams?

19. If you are not minding images ...you are not truly minding! ...and certainly not minding eternal! Are you willing to declare and command your visions?

20. If you do not create images of our words, though you believe you are paying close attention ...and understand what we are saying, ...you do not!

21. Just disciplining your mind to create images of our words keeps it focused and attentive! ...otherwise, though you are listening or reading carefully, ...and maybe paying close attention, you cannot understand what is being said! ...or even know when you do not understand! You cannot tune in now and then and expect to understand!

22. In the same way, you cannot tune in to your eternal and life now and then between "mortal episodes" (Book 13) and expect to understand that either! ...your eternal and life must constantly and awarefully be part of your present activities ...moment by moment! ...every moment!

23. If you want something in life, you've been told to clearly image what it is you desire ...and proceed from there ...while maintaining that image! ...why ever do you think it would be different if you want to understand our words? ...or want to know your self and life today? ...or if you want to be aware of and realize a greater more-expansive you and life? ...and experience your eternal? ...and be and live that? Do you really believe you can read or listen half-heartedly and expect all of these things to come to you ...before you lose interest and return to life "as usual"?

24. Your attention and focus quickly returns to *life as usual* simply because you have a clear strong image of *life as usual* ...so it grabs your attention and holds your focus ...even if *life as usual* is not what you truly desire! ...or don't want at all!

25. You cannot and will not prepare your personal eternal without a clear vision of what you are preparing! ...for, without a vision, your eternalself and life ...and what you are preparing does not take root in your life or awareness ...and cannot come to full bloom and realization!

26. If you do not create the vision of the eternal and life you desire ...and behold that, you cannot declare and command that! ...and you will default yourself to an unknown and unknowable "spiritual" self and life, ...is that what you want to continue?

27. Many people declare, "I hear what you're saying ...and understand your words, but I don't feel eternal! ...and I can't touch that world to live it! ...what's wrong?"

28. Consider this, if you were blindfolded and taken to a strange room ...and told to feel around, do you believe you would be able to identify what you have never touched

before? ...or have not felt in a long time? ...probably not! ...but as soon as you remove the blindfold ...everything would become clear and identifiable! In this illustration, the *strange room* is your eternal! ...and without an image, there is very little you can identify ...or identify with!

29. Open your eyes and imaginative-mind to our words ...and to the images of eternal all around you! ...for with your eyes open, you can grasp onto and understand what you have forgotten ...or never even experienced before! (IA57,58) ...without images, what you understand and relate to is only what you have experienced before! ...is that what you want to repeat eternally? ...how ever will that expand your self and understanding to eternal? ...enhance your life today? ...increase your awareness and realization beyond temporal? ...strengthen and glorify your self and life after death?

30. Without a vision of our words, no matter what we say, you only see and experience the temporal self and life and words you already know! ...most of which you are constantly struggling against and hoping to overcome! ...but, unfortunately, that is the only self and life and concepts you see and relate to! ...so that is what you prepare and prepare yourself for ...or prepare to struggle against ...again and again! Carefully read pericope 12.

31. In normal language-minding, you cannot catch even a glimpse of what you haven't visualized! ...only in imaginative-minding is this possible!

32. Many people are able to understand our words and "sort-of" live and command eternal ...in a way, ...until they are touched by a real problem of loss, lack, grief, illness, or difficulty! ...and then they fall away! This is not because they are not prepared to meet these problems! ...it is because they have not prepared their body and life to meet these difficulties! ...nor have they properly prepared the events!

33. In other words, our words of eternal have not expanded and unfolded sufficiently to enable them to remain content and steadfast (Book 23) in the face of *seeming* adversity!they do not understand the adversity ...or know how to deal with it! ...their place in eternal is not properly prepared for such occurrences! ...therefore, not knowing what to do ...or how to respond, they fall back on old experiences ...and repeat them again and again! ...this is certainly no way to be and live eternally!

34. You cannot expect your body and life to be fertile ground that brings forth abundance ...and nourishes you unless you properly prepare the ground on which you stand and rely on! ...in fact, the ground you stand on today ...and the body you occupy is the ground and body you prepared for yourself! ...but they were prepared only a moment ago ...not a long time ago! ...how well have you prepared this moment of yourself for

yourself? ...is it as you truly desire? ...eternally so? How did you prepare them, ...do you know? [P17,18]

35. The eternal way [Book 31] of preparing your personal eternal is to expand where you live! ...which expands who you are! ...and to do so before you narrow yourself to extinction through language!

36. The efforts of eternal way are all directed at reaching a greatly expansive and extensive self and life for you... actually, that is not correct! ...the efforts of eternal way are to give you the "tools" to behold, declare, and command an expansive and extensive self and life for yourself! ...so you can prepare that self and life as you truly desire! ...or not! This is not teaching, guiding, directing, or revealing, ...it is tool making!

37. The continuous repetition of your present temporal self and life "as usual" will gain you little! ...yet, that seems to be what you are preparing for yourself! ...but you will never be content with contentment achieved through repeated satisfaction [Book 23] ...for satisfaction will always deceive you! ...mislead you! ...and disappoint you!

38. Being genuinely content will only come to you as you visualize and live eternal! ...and live in communion as you have prepared! ...and revel in that!

39. Are you willing to prepare your eternal as you truly desire ...and declare and command that? ...and stop trying to awaken to a "spiritual" reality prepared for you?

40. If not, turn back now! ...for the eternal way does not presume to prepare the way ahead for you ...or prepare you for the way ahead! ...the eternal way opens your eyes and hands and mind to the expansive awareness and realization of your eternal ...so you can prepare, declare, and command your way and place as you truly desire, ...but you must open your eyes and ears and mind to eternal visions ...and your hands and words to realizing those visions.

41. Behold, ...your eternal has come before you! ...for you to believe and perceive ...and receive! ...what will you do now?

42. If, right now, you can begin awarefully preparing the specifics of the self and life you will live and thrive in after death ...instead of striving as you are in your life today, ...why wouldn't you take this opportunity? Well, you can prepare your eternal in this way ...and greatly expand and enhance your human life today in the process!

43. Never let the thought of death make your human existence meaningless! ...for you are, in all things, preparing and living your eternal with every belief, thought, attitude, emotion, word, and action ...and in how you react to every experience!

44. Though what follows may seem contrary to what you have always been taught, you are to glorify your self and life in your life today! ...you are to secure yourself with

honor ...and make yourself truly resplendent [Book 8]! ...and declare your eternal!

45. Do not struggle to free yourself of human existence! ...bring yourself genuinely alive in human existence! ...know that human actions, desires, and limitations bring you to life and clearly define you, enliven you, and express you! ...for though you have eternal existence! ...you come alive and glorify yourself through human existence!

46. Your eternal is not invisible to normal eyes and mind! ...though, being betrayed by spirit and spiritual, it is invisible to the way you normally use your eyes and mind to see! You see ...but you do not perceive or behold!

47. You do not see sound only because you have not trained and disciplined your eyes and mind to see sound! ...nor do you hear images!

48. Your eternal is clearly visible to active imaginative-minding! ...and in every belief, thought, attitude, emotion, word, and action!

49. In preparing your personal eternal, begin by setting yourself free of self-imposed limitations! ...beginning with how you use language and your senses, ...for, as your eternalself is not visible to the way you use your eyes to see or your ears to hear, ...your eternal is not available in the way you use your minding ...nor is your eternal available in the way you use language to understand! ...you think words not visions because you are trained that way! ...are you willing to change the way you sense everything? ...from your normal mortal way to your eternal way?

50. Of course, your limited ways not only limit you ...they also define and reveal your eternal, ...but you seem too focused on the limitations to see or even sense your eternal ...and the revelations of yourself! ...but they are there for you to reveal and honor and glorify!

51. Why ever would you want to set yourself free of material matters? ...instead, use material matters to see and mind and glorify your self and life eternal ...and give them substance and meaning ...of an eternal nature!

52. Infinite eternal does not bring health and harmony to you ...nor to the world around you! ...you bring health and harmony to eternal! ...or not! Being content is the way of eternal! ...are you prepared to be content! ...and be healthy and harmonious in being content? ...and experience being eternal?

53. Eternal is an empowering way of minding and beholding! ...are you willing to transform material to eternal? ...will you transform thinking and seeing to minding and beholding? ...and, as well, are you prepared to transform eternal to material? ...or minding and beholding to expansive thinking and perceiving? ...both transformations are accomplished through communion!

54. You may be willing to live in an open, honest, intimate relationship with yourself and others (Book 39) ...but are you willing to live in an open, honest, intimate communion with yourself and others ...eternally?

55. Instead of being joined or married or united, ...are you willing to be communioned? ...and live in that communion ...eternally? If you are not willing to be communioned eternally with who you are today, as you are today, then you don't really know the self you have prepared yourself to be and reveal.

56. Whether or not you are *awarefully prepared and receptive*, your eternal is clearly presented in all of your beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, emotions, words, and actions ...and in all of your experiences! ...therefore, understand, that "preparing yourself for eternal" is not appropriate, for if you truly prepared yourself for eternal, you would quickly discover that infinite eternal is too entire and meaningless for you! ...therefore, prepare eternal for you! ...and you will have all the joy and fulfillment you could ever desire in that! ...and be content!

57. Preparing eternal for you is like a man who cut a two-foot piece of rope into infinite pieces ...only to discover that if he freed the pieces from the limitation of length, when he put infinite pieces of no-length rope back together ...he had no rope, ...even his original two-foot piece of rope no longer existed! ...yet, if he had infinite pieces of rope of some definite length ...and he put those pieces together, his two-foot piece of rope was now infinitely long! ...are you willing to take any length or moment of life and create eternal for yourself?

58. No matter how long your life is, it consists of infinite moments of life, ...will you put those moments together and have no life? ...or put them together and have infinite life ...as you have prepared for yourself? ...the choice is yours! ...and everything hinges on just that one choice!

59. Does each finite moment of your self and life have any real meaningful length ...and purpose? ...for if even one moment or piece has no length or substance or meaning, your eternal will fall apart at that very place and moment! ...prepare your eternal carefully!

You are always preparing your eternal!
...therefore, mind and behold carefully before speaking or acting!