

ARCANA CÆLESTIA:

O R,

Heavenly Secrets,

Which are in the

SACRED SCRIPTURE,

O R,

WORD of the LORD,

L A I D O P E N:

These which follow are in

G E N E S I S:

Here those contained in the

Sixteenth Chapter.

Together with the

W O N D E R F U L T H I N G S

That have been seen in the

World of Spirits, and in the Heaven of Angels.

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MATT. VI. 33.

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his
Righteousness, and all these Things shall be
added unto you.*



T H E

P R E F A C E.

*I*N the First Part were explained Fifteen Chapters of Genesis, and those Things which they contain in an Internal Sense; and to every Chapter were adjoined what, by the Divine Mercy of the Lord, it was allowed me to see and hear in the World of Spirits and in the Heaven of Angels. Now follows the Next Part, in which, to every Chapter will, in like Manner, be annexed Things of the same Nature; and to this 16th Chapter those Things in the Word which relate to Visions and Dreams, also to such as are Prophetical. I know there are but few will believe, that it is possible for any one to see those Things which are in the other Life, and from thence be able to report any Thing concerning the State of Souls after Death; because few believe the Resurrection, and indeed fewer of the Learned than of the Simple. It's true, they verbally own, because it is agreeable to the Doctrine of Faith, that they shall rise again, but deny it in their Hearts. Nay, there are some who openly confess, that then they will believe it, when any one shall rise from the Dead, and they should see, hear and touch him. But if this could be done, it might be done for the Satisfaction of every one; and even then every such Person, who denies it in his Heart, would not be so convinced, but a thousand Objections would arise, which would render his Mind obdurate in the Negative. Some even say they believe that they shall rise again, but it will be in the Day

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of the Last Judgment, of which they have conceived an Opinion, that then all Things which are in this visible World shall perish; and because Men have, for many Ages, expected that Day in vain, they are yet in Doubt. But what is understood by the Last Judgment, of which there is Mention in the Word, shall, by the Divine Grace of the Lord, be declared at the End of the 17th Chapter following: From whence it may appear, what sort of Men there are in the Christian World at this Day. The Sadducees, (of whom we have an Account in Matth. xxii. 22, and the Verses following) openly denied a Resurrection; yet they did better than those who, at this Time, say, they do not deny it, because, as before said, it is an Article of their Faith, and yet deny it in their Heart; so that they will say contrary to what they believe, and believe contrary to what they say: But that they may no longer confirm themselves in that false Opinion, it is granted me, by the Divine Grace of the Lord, while I am in this World, to be in Spirit in the other Life (for Man is a Spirit cloathed with a Body) and there to converse with Souls, who were risen again not long after their Decease; yea, almost with all those, who were known to me in the Life of the Body, and are deceased; and also for several Years daily to talk with Spirits and Angels, and there to see stupendous Things, which never came into the Imagination of any Man; and this without the least Fallacy. Since therefore many say, They would believe if any one should come to them from the other Life, it will be now seen whether, contrary to the Hardness of their Hearts, they will be persuaded. This I am able to aver, that those who come into the other Life from the Christian World, are of all Men the worst, hating their Neighbour, hating the Faith, deny-
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ing the Lord (for in the other Life Hearts speak, and not Mouths) and, above the rest, Adulterers. And because Heaven begins to be thus removed from others who are within the Church, it may be made appear, which has also been permitted me to know for a Certainty, that the last Time is at Hand.

As to the Internal Sense of the Word, what it is, and of what Kind, may be seen by consulting what has been said and shewn in the First Part. N. 1 to 5. 64. 65. 66. 167. 605. 920. 937. 1143. 1224. 1404. 1405. 1408. 1409. 1502 the End. 1540. 1659. 1756 the Beginning. 1767 to 1777, and 1869 to 1879. 1783. 1807. And in this Part, N. 1886 to 1889 inclusive.

