

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

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NOTES.

1. WRITTEN BY the apostle John, as is proved no less by its character than by external testimony. The similarity in tone and language to the Fourth Gospel shows both to be the work of that disciple whom Jesus loved (John 21. 7).

2. WRITTEN, as generally understood, to the "circle of Asiatic churches". But it is suggested that this First Epistle of John may be reckoned among the *Diaspora* and earlier epistles, for the following reasons:—

(a) The occurrence of the word *parousia* (2. 28). See Matt. 24. 3; 1 Thess. 2. 19, &c.

(b) The significance of the possessive pronoun *hēmeteros* (1. 3; 2. 2: see Notes), and

(c) Paul's statement that John was one of the "pillars", i. e. teachers of the Law, and therefore a minister of the circumcision (see Gal. 2. 9).

The *position* that the epistle occupies canonically among the *Diaspora* writings strengthens the argument that it also is to be reckoned among them.

3. THE CONTENTS are practical teaching in the light of the love of God. God is Life, is Light, is Truth, is Righteous, is Love, and we have fellowship with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. "We know that He abideth in us by the spirit which He hath given us" (3. 24). The apostle sets in vivid contrast the death, darkness, falsehood, hate, which are the characteristics of the devil who "sinneth from the beginning" (3. 8), and of those who are led by the spirit of error (4. 6), with the work of the Holy Spirit in believers. But the dominant conception running throughout the epistle is that of the love which constraineth, as it constrained Paul (2 Cor. 5. 14).

4. WRITTEN FROM Ephesus according to tradition, but no definite statement can be made as to either place or time of writing. The character of the contents indicates a much earlier date than is usually supposed (see Ap. 180).

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

A a¹

1 THAT which was ° from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have ° seen with our eyes, which we ° have ° looked upon, and our hands ° have ° handled, ° of the ° Word of ° life;

2 (For the ° life was ° manifested, and we have ° seen it, and ° bear witness, and ° shew ° unto you that ° eternal ° life, which was ° with the ° Father, and was ° manifested ° unto us;)

3 That which we have ° seen and heard ° declare we ° unto you, ° that ye also may have ° fellowship ° with us: and truly our ° fellowship is ° with the ° Father, and ° with His ° Son ° Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we ° unto you, ° that your joy may be ° full.

5 ° This then is the ° message which we have heard ° of Him, and ° declare ° unto you, that ° God is ° light, and ° in Him is ° no darkness at all.

b¹

6 ° If we say that we have ° fellowship ° with Him, and walk ° in darkness, we lie, and do ° not the ° truth:

7 But ° if we walk ° in the ° light, ° as he is ° in the ° light, we have ° fellowship ° one ° with another, and the blood of ° Jesus Christ His ° Son cleanseth us ° from all ° sin.

8 ° If we say that we have ° no ° sin, we deceive ourselves, and the ° truth is ° not ° in us.

9 ° If we confess our ° sins, He is ° faithful and ° just ° to ° forgive us our ° sins, and to cleanse us ° from all ° unrighteousness.

10 ° If we say that we have ° not ° sinned, we make Him a ° liar, and His ° word is ° not ° in us.

a²

2 My ° little children, these things write I ° unto you, ° that ye ° sin ° not. And ° if ° any man ° sin, we have an ° advocate ° with the ° Father, ° Jesus Christ the ° righteous:

2 And he is the ° propitiation ° for our ° sins: and ° not ° for ° ours only, but ° also ° for the ° sins of the whole ° world.

b²

3 And ° hereby we do ° know that we ° know Him, ° if we keep His commandments.

4 He that saith "I ° know Him," and keepeth ° not His commandments, is a liar, and the ° truth is ° not ° in him.

5 But whoso keepeth His ° word, ° in him verily is the ° love of ° God ° perfected: ° hereby ° know we that we are ° in Him.

1. 1-2. 17 (A, p. 1870). CONCERNING CHRIST. (Repeated Alternation.)

A

a¹ | 1. 1-5. Cause of writing.

b¹ | 1. 6-10. Test of fellowship.

a² | 2. 1, 2. Cause of writing.

b² | 2. 3-6. Test of knowing God.

a³ | 2. 7, 8. Cause of writing.

b³ | 2. 9-11. Test of being in the Light.

a⁴ | 2. 12-14. Cause of writing.

b⁴ | 2. 15-17. Test of loving God.

1. 1 from the beginning. Gr. *ap'* (Ap. 104. iv) *archēs*. See John 8. 44. Occ. nine times in this epistle. seen. Ap. 133. I. 8. have. Omit.

looked upon. Ap. 133. I. 12.

handled. Gr. *psēlaphaō*. See Acts 17. 27.

of. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

Word. Ap. 121. 10. Fig. *Anabasis*. Ap. 6.

life. Ap. 170. 1. Cp. John 1. 4.

2 For = And.

manifested. Ap. 106. I. v.

bear witness. See John 1. 7, and p. 1511.

shew = report. Gr. *apangellō*. See Acts 4. 23.

unto = to.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i. "Eternal life" occ. in this epistle six times.

with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. Father. Ap. 98. III.

3 declare. Same as "shew", v. 2.

that = in order that. Gr. *hina*.

fellowship. See 1 Cor. 1. 9.

with. Ap. 104. xi. 1.

Son. Ap. 108. iii.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

4 full = fulfilled or filled full. Ap. 125. 7. Cp. John 15. 11; 16. 24; 17. 13.

5 This then = And this.

message. Gr. *angelia*. Only here and 3. 11.

of = from. Ap. 104. iv, as v. 1.

declare. Gr. *anangellō*. See Acts 20. 27.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

light. Ap. 130. 1.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

no . . . at all. Gr. *ou oudeis*. A double negative.

This is the Fig. *Pleonasm* (Ap. 6), as in v. 8.

6 If. Ap. 118. 1. b.

not. Ap. 105. I.

truth. See p. 1511 and Ap. 175. 1.

7 as he. This refers to the Father. Cp. 2. 6.

one with one another = with one another. Not with fellow-believers, but with the Father and the Son.

Jesus Christ. The texts read "Jesus".

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. Here is the Fig. *Metalepsis*. Ap. 6.

8 no = not (v. 6).

9 faithful. Ap. 150. III.

just. Ap. 191. 1.

to. Gr. *hina*, as in v. 3. Lit. in order that He might forgive.

forgive. Ap. 174. 12.

unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1.

10 sinned. Ap. 128. I. i.

liar. See 5. 10. John 8. 44. word. Ap. 121. 10.

2. 1 little children. Ap. 108. ii. Seven times in this epistle. Elsewhere only in John 13. 33. Gal. 4. 19. In v. 13, 18 a different word is used. unto = to. that ye . . . sin. Note carefully the telic force of the Gr. *hina* here;—"to the end that ye may not (commit) sin (habitually)." that. Gr. *hina*. sin not = may not sin. sin. Ap. 128. I. i. not. Ap. 105. II. if . . . sin = should any man sin, i. e. commit an act of sin if. Ap. 118. 1. b. any man. Ap. 123. 3. advocate. Gr. *paraklētos*. See John 14. 16. Cp. Rom. 8. 34. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. Father. Ap. 98. III. Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI. righteous. Ap. 191. 1. **2** propitiation. Gr. *hilasmos*. Only here and 4. 10. Several times in the Sept. Lev. 25. 9. Num. 5. 8, &c. Cp. Rom. 3. 25. for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. sins. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. not. Ap. 105. I. ours. Gr. *hēmeteros*. Emphatic. also. This should follow "world". world. Ap. 129. 1. Cp. John 3. 16. Rom. 5. 18, 19. 2 Cor. 5. 15. **3** hereby = in (Ap. 104. viii) this. know. Ap. 132. I. ii. The second "know" is in perf. tense, as in v. 4 also. **4** truth. See 1. 6. in. Ap. 104. viii. **5** word. Ap. 121. 10. love. Ap. 135. II. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. perfected. Ap. 125. 2.

6 He that saith he ° abideth 4 in Him ought himself also so to walk, ° even as *he* walked.

a³ 7 Brethren, I write ° no ° new commadment 1 unto you, but an old commandment which ye had ° from the beginning. The old commandment is the 5 word which ye ° have heard ° from the beginning.

8 Again, a 7 new commandment I write 1 unto you, which thing is ° true 4 in Him and 4 in you: because the darkness ° is past, and the ° true ° light ° now ° shineth.

b³ 9 He that saith he is 4 in the 8 light, and hateth his brother, is 4 in darkness ° even until ° now.

10 He that ° loveth his brother 6 abideth 4 in the 8 light, and there is 7 none ° occasion of stumbling 4 in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is 4 in darkness, and walketh 4 in darkness, and ° knoweth 2 not whither he ° goeth, because that darkness ° hath ° blinded his eyes.

a⁴ 12 I write 1 unto you, 1 little children, because your 2 sins ° are forgiven you ° for His name's sake.

13 I write 1 unto you, fathers, because ye have 3 known Him *That is* 7 from the beginning. I write 1 unto you, ° young men, because ye have ° overcome the ° wicked one. I ° write 1 unto you, ° little children, because ye have 3 known the 1 Father.

14 I ° have written 1 unto you, fathers, because ye have 3 known Him *That is* 7 from the beginning. I ° have written 1 unto you, 13 young men, because ye are strong, and the 5 word of 5 God 6 abideth 4 in you, and ye have 13 overcome the 13 wicked one.

b⁴ 15 10 Love 1 not the 2 world, ° neither the things *that are* 4 in the 2 world. 1 If 1 any man 10 love the 2 world, the 5 love of the 1 Father is 2 not 4 in him.

16 For all that *is* 4 in the 2 world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the ° pride of ° life, is 2 not ° of the 1 Father, but is ° of the 2 world.

17 And the 2 world 8 passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the ° will of 5 God 6 abideth ° for ever.

B C A¹ c 18 13 Little children, it is the ° last time: and as ye ° have heard that ° antichrist ° shall come, even now ° are there many ° antichrists; ° whereby we 3 know that it is the ° last time.

d 19 They went out ° from us, but they were 2 not 16 of us; for ° if they had been 16 of us, they would *no doubt* have ° continued ° with us: but *they went out*, 1 that they might be ° made manifest that they were 2 not all 16 of us.

e 20 ° But *ye* have an ° unction 7 from the Holy One, and ye 11 know all things.

d 21 I 14 have 2 not written 1 unto you because ye 11 know 2 not the 4 truth, but because ye 11 know it, and that 7 no lie is 16 of the 4 truth.

c 22 Who is ° a liar ° but he that ° denieth that ° Jesus ° is the ° Christ? *He* is 18 antichrist, that ° denieth the 1 Father and the ° Son.

23 Whosoever 22 denieth the 22 Son, ° the same hath ° not the 1 Father: [*but*] ° he that ° acknow- ledgeth the 22 Son hath the 1 Father also.

6 abideth. See p. 1511.

even as. Gr. *kathōs*. The expression "as *he*", referring to the Son, occ. six times in this epistle. See 3. 2, 3, 7, 23; 4. 17, and cp. 1. 7.

7 no = not, as v. 2.

new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9. 17.

from the beginning. Gr. *ap'* (Ap. 104. iv) *archēs*. See 1. 1.

have. Omit.

from, &c. The texts omit.

8 true. Ap. 175. 1.

is past = passes away. Gr. *paragō*, as v. 17.

true. Ap. 175. 2.

light. Ap. 130. 1.

now = already. Gr. *ēdē*.

shineth. Ap. 106. I. i.

9 even until. Gr. *heōs*.

now. Gr. *arti*.

10 loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

occasion, &c. Gr. *skandalon*. See Rom. 9. 33.

11 knoweth. Ap. 132. I. i.

goeth. Cp. John 12. 35.

hath. Omit.

blinded. Gr. *tuphloō*. See 2 Cor. 4. 4.

12 are forgiven. Ap. 174. 12.

for, &c. = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) His name.

13 young men. Ap. 108. x.

overcome. See John 16. 33.

wicked. Ap. 128. III. 1.

write. The texts read "wrote".

little children. Here and in v. 18 the word *paidion* (Ap. 108. v) is used.

14 have written = wrote.

15 neither. Gr. *mēde*.

16 pride. Gr. *alazoneia*. Only here and Jas. 4. 16 (boastings).

life. Ap. 170. 2.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

17 will. Ap. 102. 2.

for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a.

2. 18-29 (C, p. 1870). ANTICHRIST. (*Division.*)

C | A¹ | 18-23. Antichrist. Definition.

| A² | 24-29. Antichrist. Protection against.

2. 18-23 (A¹, above). ANTICHRIST. DEFINITION. (*Introversion.*)

A¹ | c | 18. Antichrist.

d | 19. Rejection of the truth.

e | 20. Uction.

d | 21. Rejection of the lie.

c | 22, 23. Antichrist.

18 last time = last hour. Cp. Acts 2. 17.

have. Omit.

antichrist. Cp. John 5. 43. 2 Thess. 2. 3-9.

shall come = cometh. are there = have arisen.

whereby = whence.

19 from. Ap. 104. vii.

if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

continued. Same as "abide", v. 6.

with. Gr. *meta*. Ap. 104. xi. 1.

made manifest. Ap. 106. I. v.

20 But = And.

unction. Gr. *chrisma*. Only here and v. 27. For the verb *chrīō* see 2 Cor. 1. 21.

22 a = the. Cp. John 8. 44. 2 Thess. 2. 11 (*the lie*).

but = except. Gr. *ei mē*.

denieth. Gr. *arneomai*. Always "deny" save Acts 7. 35; Heb. 11. 24 (both "refused").

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

is = is not (Ap. 105. I). A negative sometimes follows such verbs as *arneomai*. Cp. the French usage.

Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

Son. Ap. 108. iii.

23 the same = he. not. Gr. *oude*.

he that, &c. This clause is added by all the texts.

acknowledgeth = confesseth, as Matt. 10. 32, &c.

A¹ f¹ 24 Let that therefore ⁶abide ⁴in you, which ^{ye}¹⁸ have heard ⁷from the beginning. ¹If that which ye ¹⁸have heard ⁷from the beginning shall ^oremain ⁴in you, ^{ye} also shall ¹⁹continue ⁴in the ²²Son, and ⁴in the ¹Father.

g¹ 25 And this is the ^opromise that ^{5e} ^ohath promised us, *even* ^oeternal ^olife.

f² 26 These *things* ¹⁴have I written ¹unto you ^oconcerning them that ^oseduce you.

27 ²⁰But the ^oanointing which ^{ye}¹⁸ have received ^oof Him ⁶abideth ⁴in you, and ye need ²not ¹that ¹any man teach you:

g² but as the same ^oanointing teacheth you ^oof all things, and is ^otruth, and is ^ono lie, and even as it ¹⁸hath taught you, ^oye shall ⁶abide ⁴in ^oHim.

f³ 28 And now, ¹little children, ⁶abide ⁴in Him; ¹that, ^owhen He shall ^oappear, we may have ^oconfidence, and ¹not be ^oashamed ^obefore Him ^oat His ^ocoming.

g³ 29 ¹If ye ¹¹know that He is ^orighteous, ye ³know that every one that ^odoeth ^orighteousness is ^oborn ¹⁶of Him.

D B 3 ^oBehold what manner of ^olove the ^oFather hath ^obestowed upon us, ^othat we should be called the ^osons of ^oGod: ^otherefore the ^oworld ^oknoweth us ^onot, because it ^oknew Him ^onot.

2 ^oBeloved, now are we ^othe ¹sons of ¹God, and it doth ^onot yet ^oappear what we shall be: ^obut we ^oknow that, ^owhen He shall ^oappear, we shall be like Him; for we shall ^osee Him ^oas He is.

C D¹ E h 3 And every *man* that hath this hope ^oin Him ^opurifieth himself, ^oeven as He is ^opure.

i 4 ^oWhosoever ^ocommitteth ^osin ^otransgresseth also the law: ^ofor ^osin is ^othe transgression of the law.

k 5 And ye ²know that ^{5e} ^owas manifested ^oto ^otake away ^oour ⁴sins; and ^oin Him ^ois ^ono ⁴sin.

the. Omit. not yet. Gr. *oupo*. appear. Ap. 106. I. v. but. The texts omit. know. Ap. 132. I. i. when. Ap. 118. 1. b. see. Ap. 133. I. 8 (a). as=even as. Cp. 2. 6.

3. 3-15 (C, above). EFFECT UPON US. (Division.)

C | D¹ | 3-9. Inward purity.
D² | 10-15. Outward manifestation.

3. 3-9 (D¹, above). INWARD PURITY. (Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

D¹ | E | h | 3. Purity.
i | 4. Sin's character. Lawless.
k | 5. Christ manifested. Reason.
l | 6. Test of abiding.
F | 7-. Warning against deceivers.
E | h | -7. Righteousness.
i | 8-. Sin's origin. The devil.
k | -8. Christ manifested. Reason.
l | 9. Test of being begotten of God.

3 in=upon (Ap. 104. ix. 2), i. e. set, or fixed on. purifieth. Gr. *hagnizō*. See Acts 21. 24. even as. See 2. 6. pure. Gr. *hagnos*. See 2 Cor. 7. 11. 4 Whosoever=Every one who. committeth =doeth, i. e. practiseth. See 2. 29. sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. transgresseth, &c.=doeth lawlessness (Gr. *anomia*. Ap. 128. III. 4) also. for=and. the transgression, &c. Gr. *anomia*, as above. 5 was manifested. Same as "appear", v. 2. to=in order that (Gr. *hina*) He might. take away Gr. *airō*. Cp. John 1. 29. Col. 2. 14. our. The texts omit. in. Ap. 104. viii. is no=there is not (Ap. 105. I).

2. 24-29 (A², p. 1872). ANTICHRIST. PROTECTION AGAINST. (Alternation.)

A² | f¹ | 24. The word heard: abiding in them.
g¹ | 26. His promise: eternal life.
f² | 26, 27-. The anointing: abiding in them.
g² | -27. His teaching: truth.
f³ | 28. Confidence through abiding in Him.
g³ | 29. His righteousness: they born of Him.

24 remain. Same as "abide", v. 6.

25 promise. Gr. *epangelia*, the only occ. in John's writings.

hath. Omit. eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

life. Ap. 170. 1. See 1. 2.

26 concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

seduce=lead astray, or cause to err.

27 anointing. Same as "unction", v. 20.

of. Ap. 104. iv.

of=concerning, as v. 26.

truth=true. Ap. 175. 1.

no lie=not (Ap. 105. I) a lie.

ye shall. Omit.

Him. Or, it.

28 when. The texts read "if" (Ap. 118. 1. b).

appear. Same as "made manifest", v. 19.

confidence. Gr. *parrhēsia*. See Acts 28. 31.

ashamed. Gr. *aischunō*. See 2 Cor. 10. 8.

before=from. Ap. 104. iv.

at=in. Ap. 104. viii.

coming. See Matt. 24. 3.

29 righteous. Ap. 191. 1.

doeth=practiseth. Gr. *poieō*, as 3. 7, 10.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3.

born=begotten. A Latin MS., the Fleury Palimpsest, instead of "ashamed, &c.", reads "confounded by Him. If in His presence ye have known Him that is faithful, know that every one that doeth the truth hath been born of Him." E. S. Buchanan's transl. in *The Records Unrolled*.

3. 1-24 (D, p. 1870). LOVE. (Alternation.)

D | B | 1, 2. The Father's love to us.
C | 3-15. Effect upon us.
B | 16-. The Son's love to us.
C | -16-24. Effect upon us.

3. 1 Behold. Ap. 133. I. 3. Plural.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1. Father. Ap. 98. III.

bestowed upon=given to.

that=in order that. Gr. *hina*.

sons=children. Ap. 108. i.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. All the texts add, "and we are (so)".

therefore=on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

knoweth. Ap. 132. I. ii.

not. Ap. 105. I.

2 Beloved. Ap. 135. III.

l 6 ⁴Whosoever ^oabideth ⁵in Him ^osinneth ¹not: whosoever ^osinneth hath ¹not ^oseen Him, ^oneither ¹known Him.

F 7 ^oLittle children, let ^ono man ^odeceive you: he that ^odoeth ^orighteousness is ^orighteous, ³even as ⁵is ^orighteous.

i 8 He that ⁴committeth ⁴sin is ^oof the devil; for the devil ⁶sinneth ^ofrom the beginning.

k ^oFor this purpose the ^oSon of ¹God ⁵was manifested, ¹that He might ^odestroy the works of the devil.

l 9 ⁴Whosoever is ^oborn ⁸of ¹God doth ¹not ⁴commit ⁴sin; for His seed ^oremaineth ⁵in him: and he ^ocannot ⁶sin, because he is ^oborn ⁸of ¹God.

D³ G m 10 ⁵In this the ^ochildren of ¹God are ^omanifest, and the ^ochildren of the devil: ⁴whosoever ⁷doeth ^onot ⁷righteousness is ¹not ⁸of ¹God, ^oneither he that ^oloveth ^onot his brother. 11 For this is the ^omessage that ye heard ⁸from the beginning, ¹that we should ¹⁰love one another.

n 12 ¹Not as Cain, *who* was ⁸of ^othat ^owicked one, and ^oslew his brother. And ^owherefore ^oslew he him? Because his ^oown works were ^oevil, and his brother's ⁷righteous.

H 13 Marvel ¹⁰-not, my brethren, ^oif the ¹world hate you.

G m 14 ²We ²know that we have ^opassed ^ofrom death ^ounto ^olife, because we ¹⁰love the brethren. He that ¹⁰loveth ¹⁰-not ^ohis brother ⁶abideth ⁵in death.

n 15 ⁴Whosoever hateth his brother is a ^omurderer: and ye ²know that ^ono ^omurderer hath ^oeternal ¹⁴life ⁶abiding ⁵in him.

B 16 ^oHereby ^operceive we the ¹love of *God*, because ⁵he laid down His ^olife ^ofor us: and we ought to lay down *our* ^olives ^ofor the brethren.

C o 17 But ^owhoso hath this ¹world's ^ogood, and ^oseeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his ^obowels of *compassion* ^ofrom him, how ^odwelleth the ¹love of ¹God ⁵in him?

18 My ⁷little children, let us ¹⁰-not ¹⁰love ^oin ^oword, ^oneither ^oin tongue; but ^oin deed and in ^otruth.

p 19 And ¹⁶hereby we ¹know that we are ⁸of the ¹⁸truth, and shall ^oassure our hearts before Him.

20 For ^oif our heart ^ocondemn us, ¹God is greater than our heart, and ¹knoweth ^oall things.

21 ²Beloved, ²⁰if our heart ²⁰condemn us ¹⁰-not, *then* have we ^oconfidence ^otoward ¹God;

22 And whatsoever we ^oask, we receive ^oof Him, because we ^okeep His commandments, and do those things that are ^opleasing in His sight.

o 23 And this is His commandment, ¹That we

truth. See 1. 6. 19 assure. Ap. 150. I. 2. See Gal. 2. 11 (blamed). all things. Cp. Peter's answer, John 21. 17. toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3. 22 ask. Ap. 134. I. 4. 104. iv). keep. See Matt. 19. 17. pleasing. Gr. *arestos*. See Acts 6. 2 (reason).

6 abideth. Gr. *menō*. See p. 1511. sinneth. Ap. 123. I. i. seen. Ap. 133. I. 8. neither. Gr. *oude*.

7 Little children. Ap. 108. ii. no man=no one. Gr. *mēdeis*. deceive. See 2. 26 (seduce). doeth. See 2. 29.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3. righteous. Ap. 191. 1. Cp. 2. 29. 8 of. Ap. 104. vii.

from the beginning. See 1. 1 and John 8. 44. For, &c.=For (Ap. 104. vi) this. Son of God. Ap. 98. XV. destroy. Gr. *luō*. Cp. John 2. 19.

9 born=begotten. remaineth. The same as "abideth", v. 6. cannot=is not (Ap. 105. I) able to.

3. 10-15 (D², p. 1873). OUTWARD MANIFESTATION. (*Introversion and Alternation*.)

D² | G | m | 10, 11. Character of the two classes.
n | 12. The origin of Cain.
H | 13. The world's choice.
G | m | 14. Test of the two states.
n | 15. Cain's followers.

10 children. Ap. 108. i. See *vv.* 1, 2. manifest. Ap. 106. I. viii.

not. Ap. 105. II. neither=and.

loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

11 message. Gr. *angelia*. Only here and 1. 6.

12 that=the.

wicked. Ap. 128. III. 1. See John 8. 44.

slew. Gr. *sphazō*. Only here and Rev. 5. 6, 9, 12; 6. 4, 9; 13. 3, 8; 18. 24.

wherefore=for the sake (Gr. *charin*) of what. The acc. case of *charis* (Ap. 184. I. 1) is used as a preposition.

own. Omit.

evil. Same as "wicked", above.

13 if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

14 passed. Gr. *metabainō*. Cp. John 5. 24 (same word).

from. Ap. 104. vii.

unto. Ap. 104. vi.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

his brother. The texts omit.

15 murderer. Gr. *anthrōpoktonos*, manslayer. Only here and John 8. 44.

no=not (v. 1) any.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

16 Hereby=In (Ap. 104. viii) this.

perceive we=we know, as in v. 1.

life. Ap. 110. III. 1. See John 10. 15.

for. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

3. -16-24 (C, p. 1873). EFFECT UPON US. (*Alternation*.)

C | o | -16-18. Love manifested to the brethren.
p | 19-22. Proof of our state before God.
o | 23. Commandment of God.
p | 24. Proof of His abiding in us.

17 whoso=whoever.

good=goods, or living. Ap. 170. 2. Cp. Luke 15. 12, 30.

seeth. Ap. 133. I. 11.

bowels. Gr. *splanchna*. See Philem. 7, 12, 20.

from. Ap. 104. iv.

dwelleth. Same as "abide", v. 6.

18 in, in. No prep. Dat. case.

word. Ap. 121. 10.

neither. Gr. *mēde*.

in. Gr. *en*, with texts.

20 if. Ap. 118. 1. b. condemn. Gr. *kataginōskō*.

21 confidence. See 2. 28.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1, but the texts read *apo* (Ap. 104. iv). keep. See Matt. 19. 17. pleasing. Gr. *arestos*. See Acts 6. 2 (reason).

should °believe on the name of His^s Son °Jesus Christ, and ¹⁰love one another, as He gave us commandment.

p 24 And he that ²²keepeth His commandments ¹⁷dwelleth^s in Him, and ⁵He^s in him. And ¹⁶hereby we ¹know that He ⁶abideth^s in us, °by the °Spirit which He °hath given us.

BCJ 4 °Beloved, °believe °not every °spirit, but °try the °spirits, °whether they are °of °God: because many °false prophets are gone out °into the °world.

K 2 °Hereby °know ye the °Spirit of °God: every °spirit that confesseth °that °Jesus Christ °is come °in °the flesh is ¹of °God:

3 And every °spirit that confesseth ¹not °that °Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is °not ¹of °God: and this is °that *spirit* of °antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it °should come; and even now already is it ²in the ¹world.

J 4 We are ¹of °God, °little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He That is ²in you, than he that is ²in the ¹world.

5 They are ¹of the ¹world: °therefore °speak they ¹of the ¹world, and the ¹world heareth them.

K 6 We are ¹of °God: he that ²knoweth °God heareth us; he that is ³not ¹of °God heareth ³not us. °Hereby ²know we the °spirit °of truth, and the °spirit °of error.

D q 7 ¹Beloved, let us °love one another: for °love is ¹of °God; and every one that °loveth is °born ¹of °God, and ²knoweth °God.

8 He that ⁷loveth ¹not °knoweth ³not °God; for °God is °love.

r 9 ²In this was °manifested the °love of °God °toward us, because that °God °sent His °only begotten °Son into the ¹world, °that we might °live °through Him.

s 10 °Herein is °love, °not that we °loved °God, but that He °loved us, and °sent His °Son to be the °propitiation °for our °sins.

t 11 ¹Beloved, °if °God so °loved us, we °ought also to °love one another.

12 °No man hath °seen °God at any time. °If we °love one another, °God °dwelleth² in us, and His °love is °perfected² in us.

u 13 ²Hereby °know we that we °dwell² in Him, and He °dwelleth² in us, because He hath given us ¹of His °Spirit.

14 And we have °seen and do °testify that the °Father °sent the °Son to be the Saviour of the ¹world.

v 15 Whosoever shall °confess that °Jesus is the °Son of °God, °God °dwelleth² in him, and he °dwelleth² in °God.

only begotten. See John 1. 14. Cp. Ap. 170. 1. through. Ap. 104. v. 1. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. 11 if. Ap. 118. 2. a. *oudeis*. seen = beheld. Ap. 133. I. 12. perfected = made perfect. Ap. 125. 2. witness. Gr. *martureō*. See p. 1511. Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

23 believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

24 by. Ap. 104. vii.

Spirit = spirit, i. e. the new nature, not the Giver Himself. Ap. 101. II. 5.

hath given = gave.

4. 1-6 (C, p. 1870). ANTICHRIST. (*Alternation.*)

C J | 1. Discrimination of spirits.

K | 2, 3. Test of spirits.

J | 4, 5. Discrimination of professors.

K | 6. Test of professors.

4. 1 Beloved. Ap. 135. III.

believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

not. Ap. 105. II.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

try = test, prove. By the Word of God. Gr. *dokimazō*. See Rom. 1. 28 and 12. 2.

whether = if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

false prophets. Gr. *pseudoprophētēs*. First occ. Matt. 7. 15.

into. Ap. 104. vi.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

2 Hereby. See 3. 16.

know. Ap. 132. I. ii.

Spirit. Ap. 101. II. 3.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

that. Omit.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

is come = to have come.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

the. Omit.

3 spirit. Ap. 101. II. 12.

that Jesus . . . flesh. The texts read "Jesus".

not. Ap. 105. I.

that = the.

antichrist = the Antichrist. See 2. 18.

should come = cometh.

4 little children. Ap. 108. ii.

5 therefore = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.

speak. Ap. 121. 7.

6 Hereby = From (Ap. 104. vii) this.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

of truth. Gen. of character, or relation. Ap. 17. 1, or 5.

truth. See 1. 6.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 12.

of error. Gen. of character, as above.

4. 7-21 (D, p. 1870). LOVE. (*Introversion.*)

D q | 7, 8. Call to love of the brethren.

r | 9. Proof of God's love to us.

s | 10. God's love first.

t | 11, 12. Love perfected.

u | 13, 14. Hereby (*en touto*) . . . because.

v | 15. God's indwelling.

w | 16. Dwelling in God.

u | 17. Herein (*en touto*) . . . because.

t | 18. Perfected in love.

s | 19. God's love first.

r | 20. Proof of our love to God.

q | 21. Command to love the brethren.

7 love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

born = begotten.

9 manifested. Ap. 106. I. v.

toward = in. Ap. 104. viii. The sphere in which the manifestation takes place.

sent = hath sent. Ap. 174. 1. See note on John 17. 3.

that = in order that. Gr. *hina*.

10 Herein = In (Ap. 104. viii) this. propitiation.

for = concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

ought also = also ought. 12 No man = No one. Gr.

11 if. Ap. 118. 2. a. dwelleth. Gr. *menō*. See p. 1511.

13 Spirit. I. e. the gifts. Ap. 101. II. 4.

14 testify = bear

15 confess, &c. See Matt. 16. 16.

v 16 And we have ²known and ^obelieved the ⁷love that ¹God hath ^oto us. ¹God is ⁷love; and he that ¹²dwelleth ²in ⁷love ¹²dwelleth ²in ¹God, and ¹God ²in him.

u 17 ¹⁰Herein is ^oour ⁷love ^omade perfect, ⁹that we may have ^oboldness ²in the day of ^ojudgment: because ^oas ^{he} is, so are we ²in this ¹world.

t 18 There is ^ono fear ²in ⁷love; but ^operfect ⁷love casteth out fear: because fear hath ^otorment. He that feareth is ⁻³not ¹⁷made perfect ²in ⁷love.

s 19 We ⁷love ^oHim, because ^{he} first ⁷loved us.

r 20 ¹²If ^oa man say, "I ⁷love ¹God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that ⁷loveth ¹not his brother whom he hath ^oseen, how can he ⁷love ¹God Whom he hath ⁻³not ^oseen?

q 21 And this commandment have we ^ofrom Him, ⁹that he who ⁷loveth ¹God ⁷love his brother also.

A L 5 ^oWhosoever ^obelieveth that ^oJesus is the ^oChrist is ^oborn ^oof ^oGod: and every one that ^oloveth Him That ^obegat ^oloveth him also that is ^obegotten ^oof Him.

2 ^oBy this we ^oknow that we ¹love the ^ochildren of ¹God, when we ¹love ¹God, and ^okeep His commandments.

3 For this is the ^olove of ¹God, ^othat we ^okeep His commandments: and His commandments are ^onot ^ogrievous.

4 ^oFor whatsoever is ¹born ¹of ¹God overcometh the ^oworld: and this is the victory that overcometh the ^oworld, *even* our ^ofaith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the ⁴world, ^obut he that ¹believeth that ¹Jesus is the ^oSon of ¹God?

M 6 This is He That came ^oby ^owater and blood, *even* ^oJesus Christ; ³not ²by ^owater only, but ²by ^owater and ^oblood. And it is the ^oSpirit That ^obearth witness, because the ^oSpirit is ^otruth.

7 For there are three that ^obear record ^oin heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the ⁶Spirit, and the ⁶water, and the blood: and these three agree ^oin one.

9 ^oIf we receive the ^owitness of ^omen, the ^owitness of ¹God is greater: for this is the ^owitness of ¹God which He hath ^otestified ^oof His ⁵Son.

10 He that ^obelieveth on the ⁵Son of ¹God hath the ⁹witness ^oin himself: he that ^obelieveth ^onot ¹God hath made Him a ^oliar; because he ^obelieveth ³not the ^orecord that ¹God ^ogave ⁹of His ⁵Son.

11 And this is the ¹⁰record, that ¹God ^ohath given to us ^oeternal ^olife, and this ^olife is ¹⁰in His ⁵Son.

12 He that hath the ⁵Son hath ^olife; *and* he that hath ¹⁰not the ⁵Son of ¹God hath ³not ^olife.

L 13 These things ^ohave I written ^ounto you ^othat believe on the name of the Son of

16 believed=have believed. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii. to=in. Ap. 104. viii. Cp. v. 9.

17 our love=love with (Ap. 104. xi. 1) us. made perfect. Ap. 125. 2.

boldness. Gr. *parrhēsia*. See 2. 28.

judgment. Ap. 177. 7.

as *he* is. See 2. 6.

18 no=not, v. -3. perfect. Ap. 125. 1.

torment=punishment. Gr. *kolasia*. See Matt. 25. 46.

19 Him. The texts omit.

20 a man=any one. Ap. 123. 3.

seen. Ap. 133. I. 8.

21 from. Ap. 104. iv. Cp. 3. 11, 23. John 13. 34; 15. 12.

5. 1-21 (A, p. 1870). CHRIST. (*Alternation*.)

A L | 1-5. Belief in Christ.

M | 6-12. Witnesses to us that He has come.

L | 13-19. Belief in Christ.

M | 20, 21. Witnesses in us that He has come.

5. 1 Whosoever=Every one who.

believeth. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

born=begotten.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

begat, begotten. Same word as "born", above.

2 By=In. Ap. 104. viii.

know. Ap. 132. I. ii.

children. Ap. 108. i.

keep. The texts read "do".

3 love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

that. Gr. *hina*. Keeping His commandments is a result of His love being shed abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5. 5). Cp. Ps. 119. 97, 119, 163, &c.

keep. See Matt. 19. 17.

not. Ap. 105. I.

grievous=burdensome. Gr. *barus*. See Acts 20. 28.

4 For=Because.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

5 but=except. Gr. *ei mē*.

Son of God. Ap. 98. XV.

6 by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

water. Referring to His baptism, when witness was given to Him by the voice from heaven and the descent of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

blood. The texts read "in (Gr. *en*) the blood".

Spirit. Ap. 101. II. 3.

bearth witness. See 1. 2.

truth. See 1. 6.

7 bear record=bear witness, as in v. 6.

in heaven, &c. The texts read, "the Spirit, and the water", &c., omitting all the words from "in heaven" to "in earth" (v. 8) inclusive. The words are not found in any Gr. MS. before the sixteenth century. They were first seen in the margin of some Latin copies. Thence they have crept into the text.

8 in. Ap. 104. vi.

9 If. Ap. 118. 2. a.

witness. Gr. *marturia*. See p. 1511.

men. Ap. 123. 1.

testified. Same as "bear witness", v. 6.

of=concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

10 believeth on. Ap. 150. I. 1. v. (i).

in. Ap. 104. viii.

believeth. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

not. Ap. 105. II.

liar. Cp. 1. 10.

believeth=believeth on, as above.

record. Same as "witness", v. 9.

gave. Lit. hath witnessed.

11 hath given=gave. See Rom. 6. 23.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

12 life=the life (v. 11).

13 have I written=I wrote.

unto=to.

that believe, &c. This clause is omitted by all the texts and by the Syriac.

God; ³ that ye may ^o know that ye have ¹¹ eternal ¹¹ life, ^o and that ye may ¹⁰⁻ believe on the name of the ⁵ Son of ¹ God.

14 And this is the ^o confidence that we have ^o in Him, that ^o if we ^o ask any thing ^o according to His ^o will, He heareth us :

15 And ^o if we ¹³ know that He hear us whatsoever we ¹⁴ ask, we ¹³ know that we have the ^o petitions that we ^o desired ^o of Him.

16 ¹⁴ If ^o any man ^o see his brother ^o sin a ^o sin which is ¹⁰ not ^o unto death, he shall ¹⁴ ask, and He shall give him ¹¹ life for them that ^o sin ¹⁰ not ^o unto death. There is ^o a ^o sin ^o unto death: I do ³ not say ³ that he shall ^o pray ^o for ^o it.

17 All ^o unrighteousness is ¹⁶ sin : and there is ¹⁶ a ¹⁶ sin ³ not ¹⁶ unto death.

18 We ¹³ know that ¹ whosoever is ¹ born ¹ of ¹ God ^o sinneth ³ not ; but ^o He that is ¹ begotten ¹ of ¹ God ³ keepeth ^o himself, and that ^o wicked one ^o toucheth him ³ not.

19 And we ¹³ know that we are ¹ of ¹ God, and the whole ⁴ world lieth ¹⁰ in ^o wickedness.

M 20 And we ¹³ know that the ⁵ Son of ¹ God ^o is come, and hath given us an ^o understanding, ³ that we may ² know Him That is ^o true, and we are ¹⁰ in Him That is ^o true, even ¹⁰ in His ⁵ Son ⁶ Jesus Christ. ^o This is the ^o true ¹ God, and ¹¹ eternal ¹¹ life.

21 ^o Little children, ^o keep yourselves ^o from ^o idols. ^o Amen.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

and . . . may. The texts read "even unto you that".

14 confidence. See 2. 28.

in=toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

if. Ap. 118. 1. b.

ask. Ap. 134. I. 4.

according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

will. Ap. 102. 2.

15 if. Ap. 118. 1. a.

petitions. Ap. 134. II. 5. Cp. Matt. 7. 7. John 14. 13 ; 15. 7.

desired=have desired. Same as "ask", v. 14.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

16 any man=any one. Ap. 123. 3.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

sin=sinuing. Ap. 128. I. i.

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

a. Omit.

pray. Ap. 134. I. 3.

for=concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

∴=that. The sin unto death was one that might result in the brother being cut off. Cp. 1 Cor. 11. 30, where many had sinned unto death—"many sleep". See also Jas. 5. 14, 16, where there is the same recognition of sickness being due to some special sins, as in 1 Cor. 11. 30, and of intercessory prayer as here. It is not a single act, but a continued habit.

17 unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1. Cp. 3. 4.

18 sinneth not. I. e. does not practise, or continue in, sin. Cp. 3. 6, 9. Rom. 6. 1-12. Ap. 128. I. i.

He that, &c. This refers to the Lord. As the Jehovah of the O.T. He was the keeper of Israel (Ps. 121. 4, 5, &c.). See also John 17. 12. 2 Thess. 3. 3. Rev. 3. 10.

himself. Most texts read "him".

toucheth. Gr. *haptomai*. In John's writings only

wicked one. Ap. 128. III. 1. Cp. 2. 13, 14 ; 3. 12. here and in John 20. 17. Thirty-one times in the three other Gospels, generally in connexion with the Lord's miracles. Elsewhere, 1 Cor. 7. 1. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Col. 2. 21.

19 wickedness=the wicked one, as v. 18. He is the prince of this world (John 14. 30, &c.), and the god of this age (2 Cor. 4. 4).

20 is come. Not the word used in 4. 2, 3 ; 5. 6 (*erchomai*), but *hēkō*, to be present. Cp. John 8. 42. Heb. 10. 7, 3, 37. In the

last ref. the two verbs are seen: "shall come" (*erchomai*) ; "will come" (*hēkō*). understanding. Gr.

dianoia. Transl. nine times "mind", once "imagination" (Luke 1. 51), and "understanding" here, Eph.

1. 18 ; 4. 18. true. Ap. 175. 2. This refers to the Father. Cp. 2. 5, 24 ; 3. 24 ; 4. 12-16. This, &c.

Also referring to the Father, the source of life (John 5. 26), which life was manifested in His Son (1. 2),

and is given to us through, and in, Him (v. 11, 12 above, and Rom. 6. 23).

21 Little children. Ap. 108. ii. keep=guard, as Jude 24. from. Ap. 104. iv. idols. As in 1 Cor. 8. 4. An idol

may not be a material one, but may consist in whatever a man looks to for help, apart from the Living God. See Eph. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5. Amen. The texts omit.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

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