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4	15/17-	opened the window . . . deluge	Gen. 8.6-		
4	18/14	a stranger in the strange land	Exod. 2.22	Exod. 18.3	
5	24/17-	the business of the universe . . .	1 Cor. 3.18	1 Cor. 8.2	
6	25/8	him who never came back to Noah	Gen. 8.7		
6	26/33	neither weary nor heavy laden	Matt. 11.28		
6	28/30-	we can give only to him that asks	Matt. 7.7	Matt. 5.42	
6	29/1	bread and wine	Matt. 26.26-	etc.	
6	29/18	Mara	Ruth 1.20	Exod. 15.23	
7	33/25-	Awake, thou that sleepest	Eph. 5.14	etc.	
7	35/5-	the great shepherd	Heb. 13.20	1 Pet. 5.1	
9	43/31-	when the winter should be passed	Cant. 2.11		
10	48/36	walking in a vain show!	Ps. 39.6		
11	52/9	the voice of many waters	Ezek. 43.2	Rev. 1.15 etc.	
11	54/28	Let the dead bury their dead.	Matt. 8.22	Luke 9.60	
12	57/16-	to understand is not more wonderful	1 Cor. 13.2		
14	73/5-	. . . the beam out of his own eye	Matt. 7.3	Luke 6.41	
15	76/5	name . . . written on . . . forehead	Rev. 14.1	Rev. 22.4	
15	76/20-	Prince of the Power of the Air.	Eph. 2.2		
15	78/32-	as the night is not far spent . . .	Rom. 13.12		
15	79/4-	Some . . . take me for Lot's wife . . .	Gen. 19.26	Luke 17.32	1
15	79/5-	Rachel, weeping for her children	Jer. 31.15	Matt. 2.18	
15	79/14-	a dry loaf . . . and cold water	Isa. 33.16		2
15	82/17	Weeping may endure . . .	Ps. 30.5		
16	84/13	the bread was not for the morrow	Matt. 6.11	Exod. 16.19-	
16	85/20	impossible to live for oneself	2 Cor. 5.15		
17	94/13	It must [be hell]: there's marriage	Mark 12.25		
18	104/35-	Adam himself . . . [and other Adam ref.s]	Gen. 2		
21	118/31	There is an old prophecy . . .	Gen. 3	1 Tm. 2.15	
22	121/14-	The seemingly inscrutable . . .	2 Thes. 2.7		
22	121/17-	a man must not, for knowledge . . .	Prov. 4.14	etc.	3
28	147/24-	But for the weeping in it . . .	2 Cor. 7.9	etc.	4
28	148/2	hewers of wood and drawers of water	Josh. 9.21-		5

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29	154/3	when God created me	Gen. 1.26	Gen. 2.7	
29	154/10-	I would but love and honour . . .	Eph. 5.25	1 Pet. 3.7	
29	154/36	saved by her childbearing	1 Tim. 2.15		
29	5/3-6	Eve repented . . . thou must.	Gen. 3 & 4		6
29	155/4	groaning, travailing world	Rom. 8.22		
29	155/9	Adam, the old and the new man	1 Cor. 16.45-etc.		7
29	155/11	the mother of us all . . .	Gal. 4.26	Rev. 21.2	
29	155/17	a bush that burns and is consumed	Exod. 3.2		
29	155/22	leopard-spot	Jer. 13.23		
29	155/24-	thou art the slave of sin	Rom. 6.17-		
30	156/36	befool the very elect	Matt. 24.24		
30	161/11	hard to kick against the goad	Acts 9.5		
31	162/18	steed the holy Death . . . might choose	Rev. 6.8		
33	174/29-	Most of them . . . something sacred.	[NT concept of repentance]		
34	180/4-	with a rod of iron	Ps. 2.9		
37	194-	"The Shadow"	[NT concept of darkness]		
38	204/4	afraid of being afraid	Prov. 29.25	1 John 4.18	
39	208/22	I will be myself	Matt. 16.24		
39	209/26-	no slave but the creature . . .	2 Pet. 2.19		
39	210/28	piercing . . . to the . . . heart	Heb. 4.12		
39	210/32	She is seeing herself	Jas. 1.23	1 Cor. 13.12	
39	211/11	the Light of Life	John 8.12		
39	211/22	I am glad it was he that made me	Ps. 100.3	Gen. 1.31	
39	212/20	divided against itself	Matt. 12.25		
39	212/34	not the tears of repentance	Heb. 12.17	2 Cor. 7.10	
39	213/1-	in the father's arms . . .	Luke 15.20		
39	215/22-	she was in . . . darkness also.	Matt. 8.12	etc.	8
39	216/10	she saw now what she had made . . .	Gen. 1.31		
39	216/17	with God all things are possible	Luke 1.37	Matt. 19.26	
39	217/17	the soft rain that heals . . .	Ps. 72.6	John 1.16	
40	223/32	the mirror of the law of liberty	Jas. 1.25		
40	224/12	Thou are weary and heavy laden	Matt. 11.28		
40	226/2	Even now is his head under my heel	Gen. 3.15		
40	229/2	the sword . . . The angel gave it me . . .	Gen. 3.24		
40	229/4	cut me off this hand	Matt. 5.30		
41	232/1-	let nothing touch it . . .	Prov. 4.14		
		. . . speak to no one	Luke 10.4		
41	233/1	. . . armed men. I walked through them	Jth. 13.10		9
42	239/20-	bread and wine	Matt. 26.26-		
42	240/17	He sees of the travail . . .	Isa. 53.11	Acts 8.30-	
43	241/7	swallowed up in the life	2 Cor. 5.4		
43	241/20-	in virtue of a will . . . in mine	Phil. 2.13		

43	241/26-	Adam, waiting for God . . .	Gen. 2.7		
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43	241/26-	I was . . . I was . . . I was . . .	Prov. 8.22	Rev. 12.1	
43	242/9	a redemption drawing nigh	Luke 21.28		
43	242/33	Love was my life! . . .	Col. 3.4	etc.	
43	243/19-	now I had no friend . . .	Ps. 88.18		
43	244/13	Wherefore else did the floods . . .	Ps. 98.8		
43	244/28-	a hand was laid on my shoulder . . .	Rev. 1.17-		
43	245/7-	you will dream . . . present itself.	Ps. 17.15	1 Cor. 13.12	
43	245/32	Then my heart was glad.	Ps. 16.9	etc.	
43	246/10	in a glass darkly	1 Cor. 13.12		
43	246/17-	the Truth himself, will come . . .	John 14.6		10
43	246/20	Trials yet await thee	Acts 14.22		
43	246/21-	the things thou hast seen	Phil. 4.9	Rev. 1.19	
43	246/24	Truth is all in all	[combined with NT concepts of Love]		
43	247/9-	cast myself down	Luke 4.9	Matt. 4.6	11
44	250/18	The Life	John 14.6		
44	250/32-	voice that cried in the wilderness	Matt. 3.2		
44	252/2	Lo, they change!	1 Cor. 15.51-		
44	252/4-	the Magdalene with them . . .	John 20.11-		
44	252/5	The countenance of Adam . . .	Matt. 28.3	Rev. 1.16	
44	252/24	expectation of the creature	Rom. 8.19		
44	252/31-	silver from among the potsherd	? Prov. 26.23		
44	253/35-	Wake up, Peter! . . . cock has crown	John 18.27		
44	254/9	soon to be wiped away altogether	Rev. 21.4		
45	254/33	fire from the bush Moses saw	Exod. 3.2		
45	255/25	now I knew that life and truth . . .	John 14.6		
45	256/22	a coal from the altar	Isa. 6.6		
45	256/28	Love himself . . . is coming . . .	Rev. 22.20		
45	256/32	will he indeed find them . . .	Luke 12.37	Luke 18.8	
45	257/6	new earth under the new heaven	Rev. 21.1		
45	257/23	in glory and in joy	? Isa. 35.2		
45	257/32	. . . blossomed as the rose	Isa. 35.1		12
46	59/26-	The beautifullest man . . .	Matt. 19.14		13
46	262/10	the Ancient of Days.	Dan. 7.9	etc.	
46	262/11-	the river of the water of life.	Rev. 22.1		
46	262/20-	a hand . . . pushed me . . . through	Bunyan	? Matt. 22.13	14
47	263/20	the tree of life	Gen. 2.9	Rev. 2.7	
47	263/30	Man dreams . . . God broods . . .	Acts 2.17	etc.	
47	263/34-	All the days . . . will I wait . . .	Job 14.14		

[N.B. Further allusions are present in early drafts of the book but disappeared when the passages containing them were cut out. One of the most striking of these is to

2 Kings 2.23-24 in the “A” draft (p. 350) where “half-grown children” who are the predecessors of the Little Ones mock and stone Fane and are promptly slaughtered by a wild best. J.D.] **[77]**

Notes

1. Neither Lot’s wife nor Rachel (until the end) were truly poor as is Mara here. Mara speaks of true spiritual poverty, total self negation, a starving out of sin.
2. One is reminded here of the extreme poverty yet total security in Hezekiah’s besieged Jerusalem.
3. The powerful imagery of the good feminine and the evil feminine found in MacDonald is also present in the first part of Proverbs.
4. There are many biblical references to this very important principle: eg, Ps.126.6, Ps.137.1, Isa.38.3, Nem.8.9, Luke 19.41, John 11.35.
5. There was a danger that Israel would go the Canaanite way—like the Little Ones becoming giants.
6. The theme of true repentance is evident throughout Lilith.
7. In the resurrection, believers are with and like the Last Adam—Jesus Christ. The new nature given to believers to oppose their old nature ‘the old Adam’ is mentioned in Rom.6.6, Eph.4.22, Col.3.9.
8. Compare Hab. 1.13 with 2 Cor.5.21- and 1 Pet.2.24-.
9. Judith carries a head, not a hand, but she liberates the waters. [J.D.]
10. Consider John 12.34, John 14.23, John 14.16, 1 John 2.14-, 2 John 1.2,
11. Vane also fails Christ’s other two Temptations. In ch. 12, when hungered in the desert, he accepts the Little Ones’ “delicious little fruits,” then stays near them because of the sensual delights they offer. In ch. 34 he plans world dominion, in that Bulika, which he aims to conquer, is the capital of the “region of the seven dimensions.” [J.D.]
12. Forty of the forty-seven chapters in the book appear to average less than one allusion each, even though the biblical mood in some of these chapters is very powerful. Canon Reid remarks that ‘although it is true that the Bible is much echoed in Lilith, my constant wonder is how little comes directly from it’
13. On the state of childhood see Matt.18.1-, John 2.1, John 2.12-, John 4.4, John 5.21, Ps.131.
14. This allusion is to the fate of Ignorance at the very end of Pt. I of The Pilgrim’s Progress. The reason for Ignorance’s fate has been explained where Christian quotes at him Gen. 6.5 and Gen. 8.21. [J.D.] **[78]**