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when God created me
I would but love and honour . . .
 saved by her childbearing
Eve repented . . . thou must.
groaning, travailing world
Adam, the old and the new man
the mother of us all . . .
a bush that burns and is consumed
leopard-spot
thou art the slave of sin
befool the very elect
hard to kick against the goad
steed the holy Death . . . might choose
Most of them . . . something sacred.
with a rod of iron
“The Shadow”
afraid of being afraid
I will be myself
no slave but the creature . . .
piercing . . . to the . . . heart
She is seeing herself
the Light of Life
I am glad it was he that made me
divided against itself
in the father’s arms . . .
she was in . . . darkness also.
she saw now what she had made . . .
with God all things are possible
the soft rain that heals . . .
the mirror of the law of liberty
Thou are weary and heavy laden
Even now is his head under my heel
the sword . . . The angel gave it me . . .
cut me off this hand
let nothing touch it . . .
 . . . speak to no one
 . . . armed men. I walked through them
bread and wine
He sees of the travail . . .
swallowed up in the life
in virtue of a will . . . in mine
I was... I was... I was... a redemption drawing nigh
Love was my life!...
now I had no friend...
Wherefore else did the floods...
a hand was laid on my shoulder...
you will dream... present itself.
Then my heart was glad.
in a glass darkly
the Truth himself, will come...
Trials yet await thee
the things thou hast seen
Truth is all in all
cast myself down
The Life
voice that cried in the wilderness
Lo, they change!
the Magdalene with them...
The countenance of Adam...
expectation of the creature
silver from among the potsherds
Wake up, Peter!... cock has crown
soon to be wiped away altogether
fire from the bush Moses saw
now I knew that life and truth...
a coal from the altar
Love himself... is coming...
will he indeed find them...
new earth under the new heaven
in glory and in joy
... blossomed as the rose
The beautifullest man...
the Ancient of Days.
in the river of the water of life.
a hand... pushed me... through
the tree of life
Man dreams... God broods...
All the days... will I wait...

[Prov. 8.22, Rev. 12.1]
[Luke 21.28]
[Col. 3.4]
[Ps. 88.18]
[Ps. 98.8]
[Rev. 1.17-]
[Ps. 17.15, 1 Cor. 13.12]
[Ps. 16.9]
[1 Cor. 13.12]
[John 14.6]
[Acts 14.22]
[Phil. 4.9, Rev. 1.19]
[Luke 4.9, 1 Cor. 15.51-]
[John 18.27]
[Rev. 21.1]
[? Prov. 26.23]
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[Rom. 8.19]
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[Isa. 6.6]
[Rev. 22.20]
[Luke 12.37]
[Luke 18.8]
[Rev. 21.1]
[? Isa. 35.2]
[Isa. 35.1]
[Matt. 19.14]
[Dan. 7.9]
[Gen. 2.9]
[Acts 2.17]
[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.]

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: e.g., 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.]
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’
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.]