

1QS 3.13 A text belonging to the Instructor, who is to enlighten and teach all the Sons of Light about the character and fate of humankind: 14 all their spiritual varieties with accompanying signs, all their deeds generation by generation, and their visitation for afflictions together with 15 eras of peace. All that is now and ever shall be originates with the God of knowledge. Before things come to be, He has ordered all their designs, 16 so that when they do come to exist—at their appointed times as ordained by His glorious plan—they fulfill their destiny, a destiny impossible to change. He controls 17 the laws governing all things, and He provides for all their pursuits. He created humankind to rule over 18 the world, appointing for them two spirits in which to walk until the time ordained for His visitation. These are the spirits 19 of truth and falsehood. Upright character and fate originate with the Habitation of Light; perverse, with the Fountain of Darkness. 20 The authority of the Prince of Light extends to the governance of all righteous people; therefore, they walk in the paths of light. Correspondingly, the authority of the Angel 21 of Darkness embraces the governance of all wicked people, so they walk in the paths of darkness. The authority of the Angel of Darkness further extends to the corruption 22 of all the righteous. All their sins, iniquities, shameful and rebellious deeds are at his prompting, 23 a situation God in His mysteries allows to continue until His era dawns. Moreover, all the afflictions of the righteous, and every trial in its season, occur because of this Angel's diabolic rule. 24 All the spirits allied with him share but a single resolve: to cause the Sons of Light to stumble. Yet the God of Israel (and the Angel of His Truth) assist all 25 the Sons of Light. It is actually He who created the spirits of light and darkness, making them the cornerstone of every deed, 26 their impulses the premise of every action. God's love for one spirit

1QS 4.1 lasts forever. He will be pleased with its actions for always. The counsel of the other, however, He abhors, hating its every impulse for all time. 2 Upon earth their operations are these: one enlightens a man's mind, making straight before him the paths of true righteousness and causing his heart to fear the laws 3 of God. This spirit engenders humility, patience, abundant compassion, perpetual goodness, insight, understanding, and powerful wisdom

resonating to each 4 of God's deeds, sustained by His constant faithfulness. It engenders a spirit knowledgeable in every plan of action, zealous for the laws of righteousness, holy 5 in its thoughts, and steadfast in purpose. This spirit encourages plenteous compassion upon all who hold fast to truth, and glorious purity combined with visceral hatred of impurity in its every guise. It results in humble deportment 6 allied with a general discernment, concealing the truth, that is, the mysteries of knowledge. To these ends is the earthly counsel of the spirit to those whose nature yearns for truth. Through a gracious visitation all who walk in this spirit will know healing, 7 bountiful peace, long life, and multiple progeny, followed by eternal blessings and perpetual joy through life everlasting. They will receive a crown of glory 8 with a robe of honor, resplendent forever and ever. 9 The operations of the spirit of falsehood result in greed, neglect of righteous deeds, wickedness, lying, pride and haughtiness, cruel deceit and fraud, 10 massive hypocrisy, a want of self-control and abundant foolishness, a zeal for arrogance, abominable deeds fashioned by whorish desire, lechery in its filthy manifestation, 11 a reviling tongue, blind eyes, deaf ears, stiff neck, and hard heart—to the end of walking in all the ways of darkness and evil cunning. The judgment 12 of all who walk in such ways will be multiple afflictions at the hand of all the angels of perdition, everlasting damnation in the wrath of God's furious vengeance, never-ending terror and reproach 13 for all eternity, with a shameful extinction in the fire of Hell's outer darkness. For all their eras, generation by generation, they will know doleful sorrow, bitter evil, and dark happenstance, until 14 their utter destruction with neither remnant nor rescue. 15 The character and fate of all humankind reside with these spirits. All the hosts of humanity, generation by generation, are heirs to these spiritual divisions, walking according to their ways; the outworking of every 16 deed inheres in these divisions according to each person's spiritual heritage, whether great or small, for every age of eternity. God has appointed these spirits as equals until the 17 last age, and set an everlasting enmity between their divisions. False deeds are thus an abomination to the truth, whereas all the ways of truth are for perversity equally a disgrace. Fierce 18 dispute attends every point of decision, for they can never agree. In his mysterious insight and glorious wisdom God has countenanced an era in

which perversity triumphs, but at the time appointed 19 for visitation He shall destroy such forever. Then shall truth come forth in victory upon the earth. Sullied by wicked ways while perversity rules, at 20 the time of the appointed judgment truth shall be decreed. By His truth God shall then purify all human deeds, and refine some of humanity so as to extinguish every perverse spirit from the inward parts 21 of the flesh, cleansing from every wicked deed by a holy spirit. Like purifying waters, He shall sprinkle each with a spirit of truth, effectual against all the abominations of lying and sullyng by an 22 unclean spirit. Thereby He shall give the upright insight into the knowledge of the Most High and the wisdom of the angels, making wise those following the perfect way. Indeed, God has chosen them for an eternal covenant; 23 all the glory of Adam shall be theirs alone. Perversity shall be extinct, every fraudulent deed put to shame. Until now the spirits of truth and perversity have contended within the human heart. 24 All people walk in both wisdom and foolishness. As is a person's endowment of truth and righteousness, so shall he hate perversity; conversely, in proportion to bequest in the lot of evil, one will act wickedly and 25 abominate truth. God has appointed these spirits as equals until the time of decree and renewal. He foreknows the outworking of their deeds for all the ages 26 [of eternity.] He has granted them dominion over humanity, so imparting knowledge of good [and evil, de]ciding the fate of every living being by the measure of which spirit predominates in hi[m, until the day of the appointed] visitation.

1QS 9.1 A single unintentional sin may be punished by this two-year process, but the intentional sinner shall never again return. Only the accidental sinner 2 shall be tested by the general membership over a two-year period for blameless conduct and right understanding. Afterwards, he may be enrolled at the appropriate rank within the Yahad of Holiness. 3 When, united by all these precepts, such men as these come to be a community in Israel, they shall establish eternal truth 4 guided by the instruction of His holy spirit. They shall atone for the guilt of transgression and the rebellion of sin, becoming an acceptable sacrifice for the land through the flesh of burnt offerings, the fat of sacrificial portions, and 5 prayer, becoming—as it were—justice itself, a sweet savor of righteousness and blameless behavior, a pleasing freewill offering. At that time the men 6 of the Yahad shall withdraw, the holy house of Aaron uniting as a Holy of Holies, and the synagogue of Israel as those who walk blamelessly. 7 The sons of Aaron alone shall have authority in judicial and financial matters. They shall decide on governing precepts for the men of the Yahad 8 and on money matters for the holy men who walk blamelessly. Their wealth is not to be admixed with that of rebellious men, who 9 have failed to cleanse their path by separating from perversity and walking blamelessly. They shall deviate from none of the teachings of the Law, whereby they would walk 10 in their willful heart completely. They shall govern themselves using the original precepts by which the men of the Yahad began to be instructed, 11 doing so until there come the Prophet and the Messiahs of Aaron and Israel. 12 These are the statutes for the Instructor. He is to conduct himself by them with every living person, guided by the precepts appropriate to each era and the value of each person. 13 He is to work the will of God according to what has been revealed for each period of history, studying all the wise legal findings of earlier times, as well as every 14 statute applying to his own time. He is to discern who are the true Sons of Righteousness and to weigh each man's spiritual qualities, sustaining the chosen ones of his own time in keeping with 15 His will and what He has commanded. In each case he shall decide what a man's spiritual qualities mandate, letting him enter the Yahad if his virtue and understanding of the Law 16 measure up. By the same standards he shall determine each man's rank. The Instructor must not reprove the Men of the

Pit, nor argue with them about proper biblical understanding. 17 Quite the contrary: he should conceal his own insight into the Law when among perverse men. He shall save reproof—itsself founded on true knowledge and righteous judgment— for those who have chosen 18 the Way, treating each as his spiritual qualities and the precepts of the era require. He shall ground them in knowledge, thereby instructing them in truly wondrous mysteries; if then the secret Way is perfected among 19 the men of the Yahad, each will walk blamelessly with his fellow, guided by what has been revealed to them. That will be the time of “preparing the way 20 in the desert” (Isaiah 40:3). He shall instruct them in every legal finding that is to regulate their works in that time, and teach them to separate from every man who fails to keep himself 21 from perversity. These are the precepts of the Way for the Instructor in these times, as to his loving and hating: eternal hatred 22 and a concealing spirit for the Men of the Pit! He shall leave them their wealth and profit like a slave does his master—presently humble before 23 his oppressor, but a zealot for God’s law whose time will come: even the Day of Vengeance. He shall work God’s will when he attacks the wicked and 24 exercise authority as He has commanded, so that He is pleased with all that is done, as with a freewill offering. Other than God’s will he shall delight in nothing, 25 finding pleasure only in [ev]ery word of His mouth. He shall desire nothing that He has not command[ed,] ceaselessly seeking the [la]ws of God. 26 He shall bless his Creator [for all of His good]ness, and re[count His loving-kindness] in all that is to be. [With pray]er shall he bless Him

4Q471b f1a_d.1 [... I am]recko[ned with the gods and my abode is in the] holy [congregation.] 2
W[ho is considered as contemptible as I am? And who] has been despised like m[e? And who] 3
like me is rejected [by men (Isaiah 53:3)? And to whom] 4 shall you compare me in my teaching
[...] 5 Who is like me among the gods [...] the utterance] 6 of my lips who can endure, who [can
summon me ...] 7 the beloved of the king, an[cient] companion [...] 8 no one compares. Who
[...] 9 fine go[ld (?)] 10 [....]

4Q431 f1.1 [... my abode is in the] holy [congregation.] W[ho is]despised like m[e? Who] 2 like
me has refrained from evil and compares with[me? I have never been taught, but no teaching] 3
compares with my teaching. [For] I have dwelt[on high ... in the heavens.] 4 Who is like me
among the angels? [Who shall assault me when I open my mouth? Who] 5 can endure [the
utterance of] my lips? Who[with the tongue (1QHa 26:6) will challenge me and compare with
my judgment? For I am] 6 beloved of the king, a companion to the hol[y ones, and no one shall
(1QHa 26:7) come against me ... and to my glory] 7 no one compares. As for m[e, my office is
among the angels, (1QHa 26:8) and my glory with that of the sons of the king. Neither] 8 with
pure gold shall I[... for myself, nor the renowned gold of Ophir ... (1QHa 26:9) with me; and ...
shall not] 9 be re[ckoned with me.] Sing praise,[O beloved ones; sing to the King of glory,
(1QHa 26:10) rejoice in the congregation of God.]

4Q491 f11i.8 [...] marvelous, wondrous deeds[...] 9 [... in the pow]er of His might let the a[ng]e[l]s rejoice and the holy ones shout in exaltation [...] justly 10 [... I]srael. He established His truth from of old, and the mysteries of His cunning in eve[ry ...] might 11 [...] and the company of the oppressed shall become an eternal congregation[...] blameless of 12 [...] eternal, a mighty throne in the congregation of the angels. None of the ancient kings shall sit on it, and their nobles [shall] not[... There are no]ne comparable 13 [to me in] my glory, no one shall be exalted besides me; none shall come against me. For I have dwelt on[high, ...] in the heavens, and there is no one 14 [...] I am reckoned with the angels and my abode is in the holy congregation. [My] desi[re] is not according to the flesh, [...] everything precious to me is in the glory 15 [of] the holy [habit]ation. [Wh]o has been considered contemptible like me? Who is comparable to me in my glory? Who of those who sail the seas (?) shall return telling (?) 16 [of] my [equa]l? Who has born[e] troubles like me? And who like me [has refrain]ed from evil? I have never been taught, but no teaching compares 17 [with my teaching.] Who then shall assault me when [I] ope[n my mouth?] Who can endure the utterance of my lips? Who shall challenge me and compare with my judgment? 18 [... Fo]r I am reck[oned] with the angels, [and] my glory with that of the sons of the King. Neither [pure go]ld, nor the renowned gold of Ophir 19 [...] (vacat) [...] To 20 [... rejoice, you] righteous among the angels of [...] in the holy habitation. Praise Him in song[...] 21 [... P]roclaim with heartfelt joy [...] joyously forever without c[easing...] 22 [...] to raise up the horn on h[igh...] 23 [...] to make known His power in might[...] 24 [...]