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bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said
unto me, Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the
Son of the Eternal Father!*

*Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which
thy father saw? And I answered him, saying,
Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself
abroad in the hearts of the children of men;
wherefore it is the most desirable above all things.*

*And he spake unto me, saying, Yea, and the
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