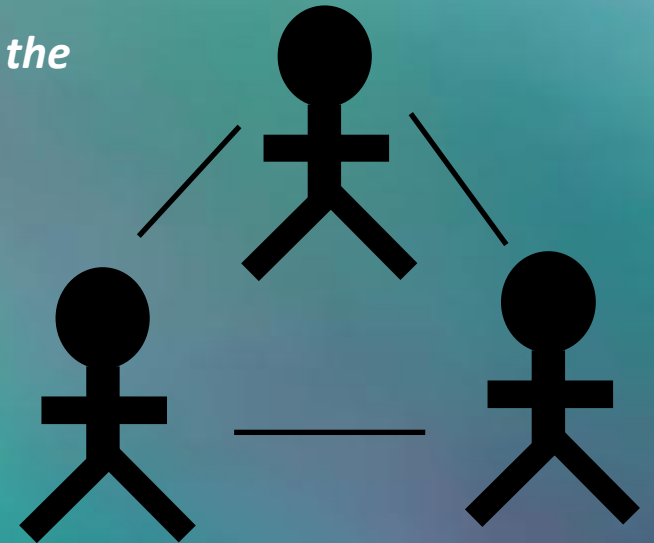


CHRIST IS THE WORD OF GOD

JOHN 1



*Therefore, in the beginning the Word was, for he was the Word, even the messenger of salvation—
D&C 93:8*



JOHN

He was one of the original 12 Apostles and a special witness to the acts and teachings of Jesus.

He referred to himself as the “disciple whom Jesus loved”

His brother, James, and him were sons of Zebedee and a follower of John the Baptist

He was a fisherman.

He and James were two of the apostles Jesus appointed “To take the keys of Presidency.”

He was in the first presidency of the church in their day.

Was present at the raising of Jairus’ daughter, at the Transfiguration, and in Gethsemane.

Some believe John wrote his Gospel at Ephesus (modern Turkey) some time after the destruction of Jerusalem and as early as 35-40 A.D.

About 92 percent of the material in the Gospel of John is not found in the other Gospel accounts.

The Book of Mormon affirms that John was foreordained to write the things recorded in the book of Revelation and it refers to John’s role as a revelator and restorer of the priesthood in the latter days revealed in the Doctrine and Covenants

John, the Beloved, did not die



Book Of John



In the Book of John :

- *Begins testimony on the premortal Christ as the “Word of God”.
- *Summarizes many of the themes developed in the rest of the book.
- *The book testifies of Jesus Christ’s divinity and His central role in our Heavenly Father’s plan.

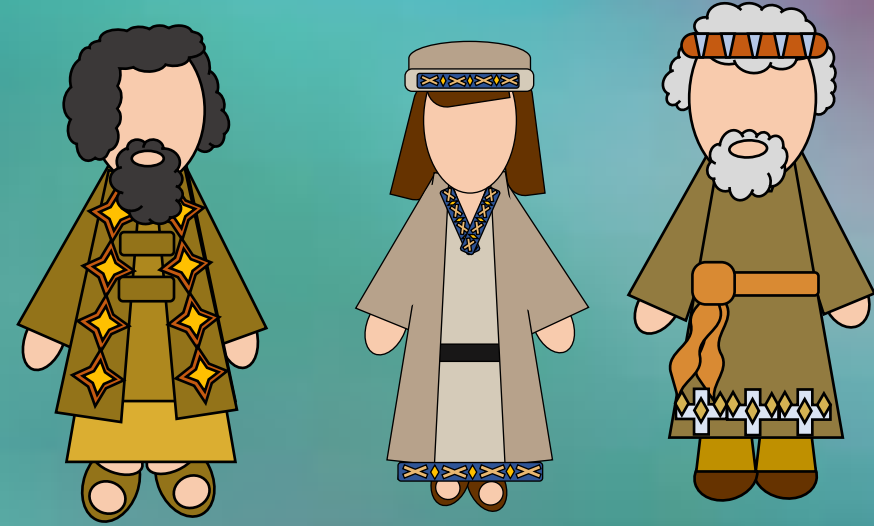
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- Emphasize Jesus as the Son of David (the Messiah)
- Accents the establishment of the Church and its priesthood.
- Emphasize chronological events.
- Jesus' saying generally short



JOHN'S TESTIMONY:

Believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
and believe that ye might have life
through his name. (John 20:31)

A religious painting depicting the Word becoming flesh. A central figure, likely Jesus, is shown in profile, wearing a white robe and reaching out towards a glowing, fiery orb. The background is dark with golden light and stars. The text 'JOHN 1:1-16' is overlaid in white, bold, serif font on the left side of the image.

JOHN 1:1-16

The Word Was Made Flesh

How much do you think
this ball is worth?

If the ball was in the
world's championship how
much would it be worth?

Knowing the history of an
object can increase our
understanding of its value.



How might understanding who Jesus Christ was before His birth help you understand the value of His life and mission on earth?



PREMORTAL EXISTENCE

JOHN 1:1-5

D&C 93:21

ABRAHAM 3:22-24

In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God.



1. Jesus created this earth True False
2. Jesus created worlds without number. True False
3. Jesus was the firstborn spirit of our Father in Heaven. True False
4. Jesus was a God before He was born on this earth True False
5. Jesus was the one who established the covenant with Abraham. True False

6. Jesus was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

True False

7. Jesus appeared to Moses in the burning bush.

True False

8. Jesus helped the children of Israel escape from Egypt and parted the Red Sea.

True False

9. Jesus gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.

True False

10. Jesus is Jehovah, the God of the Old Testament.

True False

“Jesus was also chosen and sent by the Father to organize and create this earth, our solar system, our galaxy, even worlds without number.

Jesus Christ was and is Jehovah of the Old Testament, the God of Adam and of Noah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jehovah appeared to and talked to the ancient prophets.

When He spoke He did so on behalf of the Father, and He said what His Father would have said.

Jehovah of the Old Testament became Jesus Christ of the New Testament when He was born into mortality.”



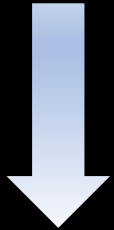
CONDENSATION OF GOD

“to go down among”

Jesus Christ voluntarily left His heavenly throne and came into a fallen world where He would experience great trials and suffering.



John 1:10-11



1 Nephi 19:5-10



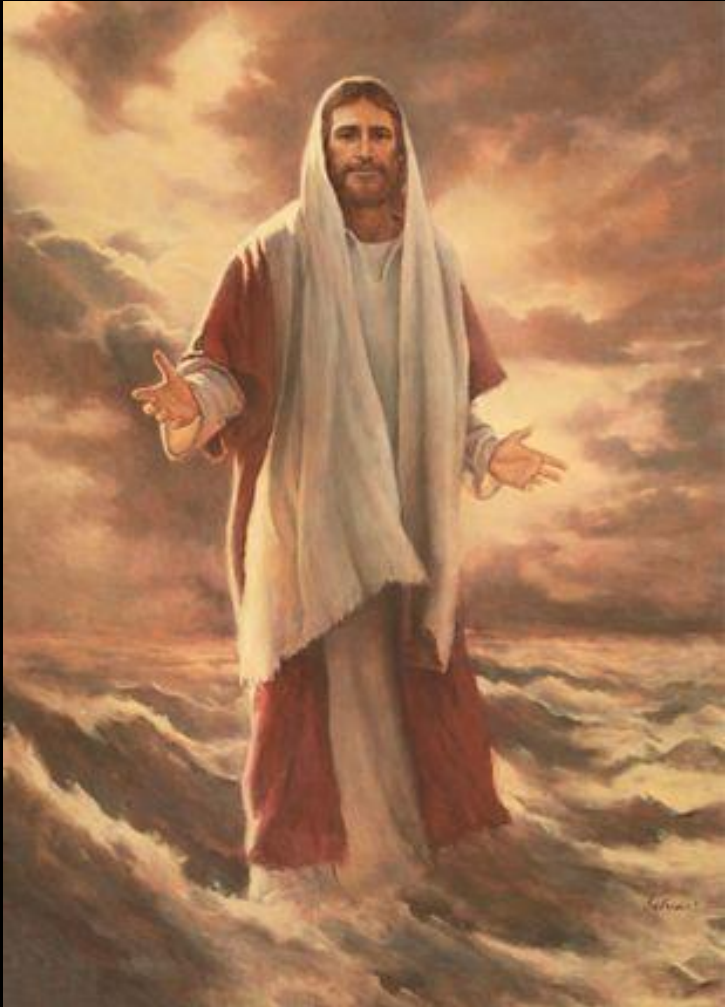
Doctrine and Covenants
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1 Nephi 11:26; 32-33



GOD IN THE BIBLE

The God known as Jehovah is the Son, Jesus Christ



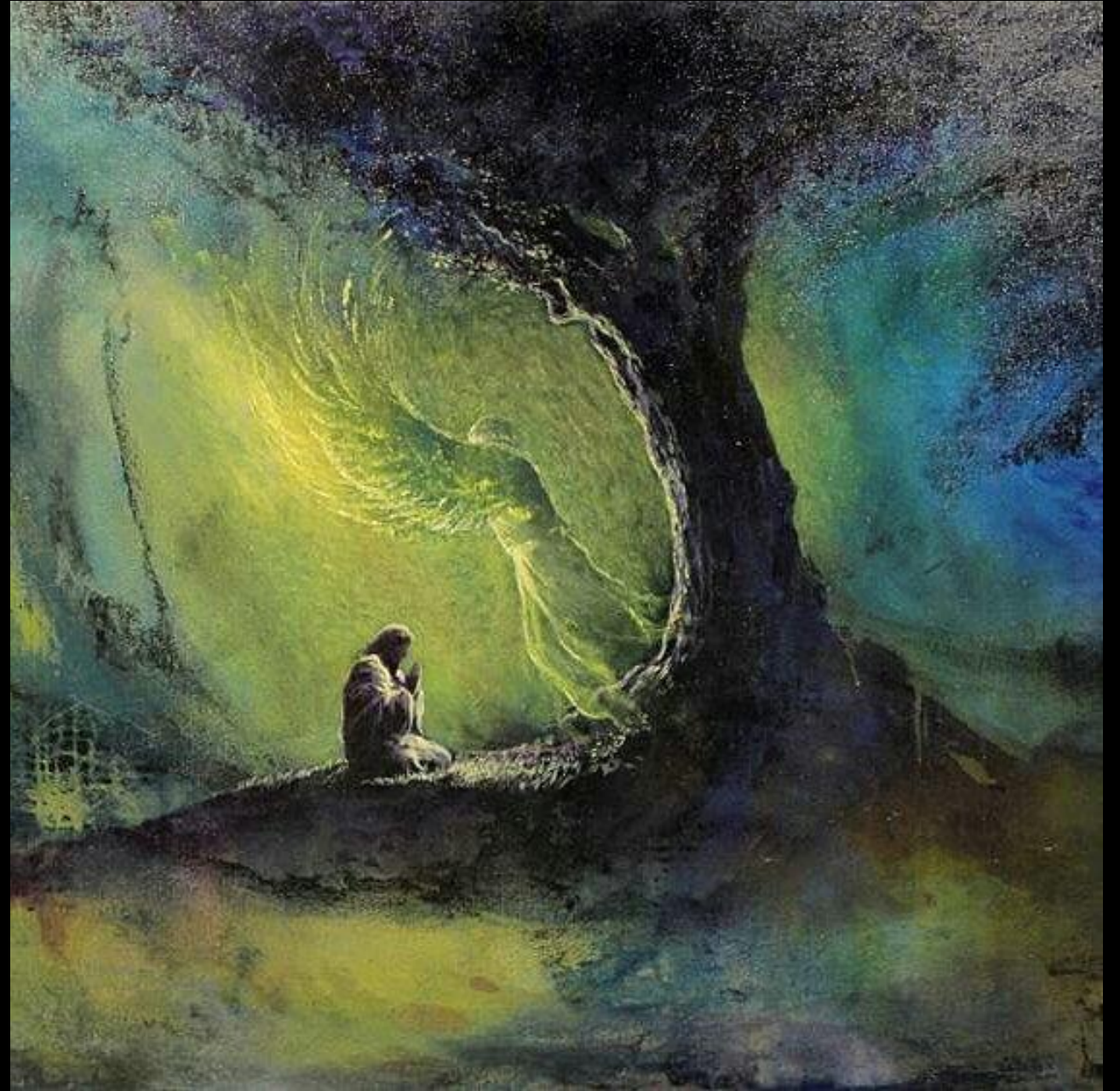
Jesus works under the direction of the Father and is in complete harmony with Him. All mankind are His brothers and sisters, for He is the eldest of the spirit children of Elohim.

Some scripture references refer to Him by the word *God*.

For example, the scripture says that “God created the heaven and the earth” but it was actually Jesus who was the Creator under the direction of God the Father.

He descended not because of obligation,
nor for glory, but only for love.

His condescension to redeem us through
the Atonement was the price He paid to
provide salvation and exaltation.





He descended to
be born of mortal
woman. ...



He descended to be
baptized of man, even
though He was perfect
and sinless.

He descended to
minister to the
humblest of the
humble. ...



He descended to subject Himself to
the will of the Father, suffering
Himself to be tempted, mocked,
scourged, cast out, and disowned,
even though He was all-powerful.



He descended to be judged of the world, even though He was the Judge of the world.

He descended to be lifted on the cross and slain for the sins of the world, even though no man could take away His life.



TITLES FOR JESUS CHRIST

John 1:4-9

The Light

John 1:18, 34, 49
Deuteronomy
18:15

The Son

John 1:21

It was
assumed He
was 'That
Prophet'

John 1:23

The Lord

John 1:29, 36

The Lamb



John 1:38, 49

The Master or Rabbi



John 1:41

The Messiah or Christ



John 3:2

Teacher



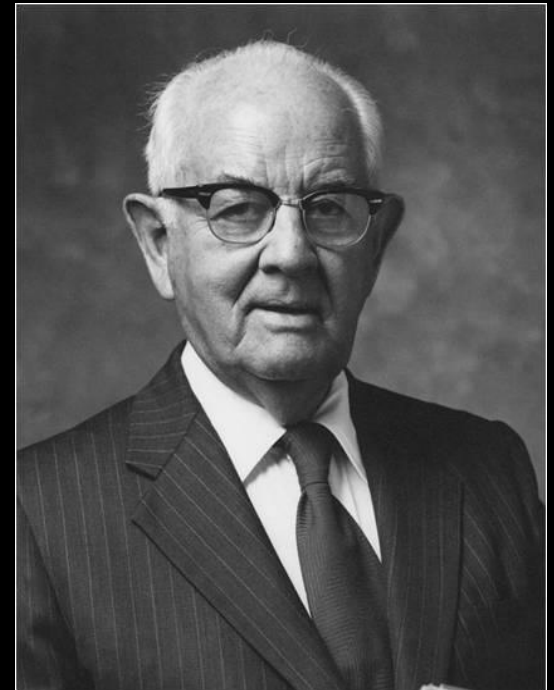
John 3:29

The Bridegroom



Each title given teaches about the life and mission of the Savior

President Spencer W. Kimball says there are over 100 names given for our Savior



DIVINE SONSHIP

Jesus was the firstborn of the Father from the beginning:



“Among the spirit children of Elohim the firstborn was and is...Jesus Christ to whom all others are juniors. “

FIRST SON--BIRTHRIGHT

Strict obedience through ages of premortality.



He advanced and progressed until "He stood as one "like unto God"

JESUS CHRIST WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING

“Our Savior was a God before he was born into this world.”



“...and he brought with him the same status when he came here.”

THE CREATION

“In the beginning was the Word...



“The word of my power”

Creation through
the Son



“...and the Word was with God...”



“The Word” is a title of Jesus Christ



Jesus was the executive

The will, commandment, or word
of Father was put into effect.

“...and the Word was God.”



“The great work of the Father is in creating worlds and peopling them.”

“...there is no end to my works, neither to my words”

Moses 1:38

“In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God.”

These words bear witness of the premortal existence of Jesus Christ, for He was “with God” in the beginning of all things. They affirm that His mission of salvation began in the premortal world, for He was “the Word,” even the messenger of salvation, who taught the gospel to us “in the beginning.”



Elsewhere in scripture we learn that in the premortal world, Jesus Christ was the great Jehovah

TWO CREATIVE EVENTS

That God the Father reserves for Himself.



“First, he is the Father of all spirits, Christ’s included.

... Second, he is the Creator of the physical body of man.”



ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY JESUS CHRIST

In the premortal estate, Jesus was, under the Father, the Creator and Redeemer of the Father's worlds.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made which was made.



And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten.

“The same was in the beginning with God.”



“I do the things I saw my Father do when worlds came rolling into existence. My Father worked out his kingdom with fear and trembling, and I must do the same, that is Christ must do the same.”

God himself was once as we are now. He is exalted.



If you were to see Him today, you would see Him like a man in form, like yourselves in all the person, image, and very form as a man.

“Jesus treads in the tracks of His Father, and inherits what God did before...”



...and God is thus glorified and exalted in salvation and exaltation of all his children”

“Adam was created in the very fashion, image and likeness of God...



...and received instruction from, and walked, talked, and conversed with him, as one man talk and communes with another.”

“All things were **made** by him;
and with him was not any thing
made that was made.”



Bible word: Created



To word *create* came from the
Hebrew word *baurau* which
*does not mean create out of
nothing...it means to organize*

ELEMENTS EXISTS ETERNALLY

God had materials, to organize the world out of chaos—chaotic matter, which is element, and in which dwells all the glory.



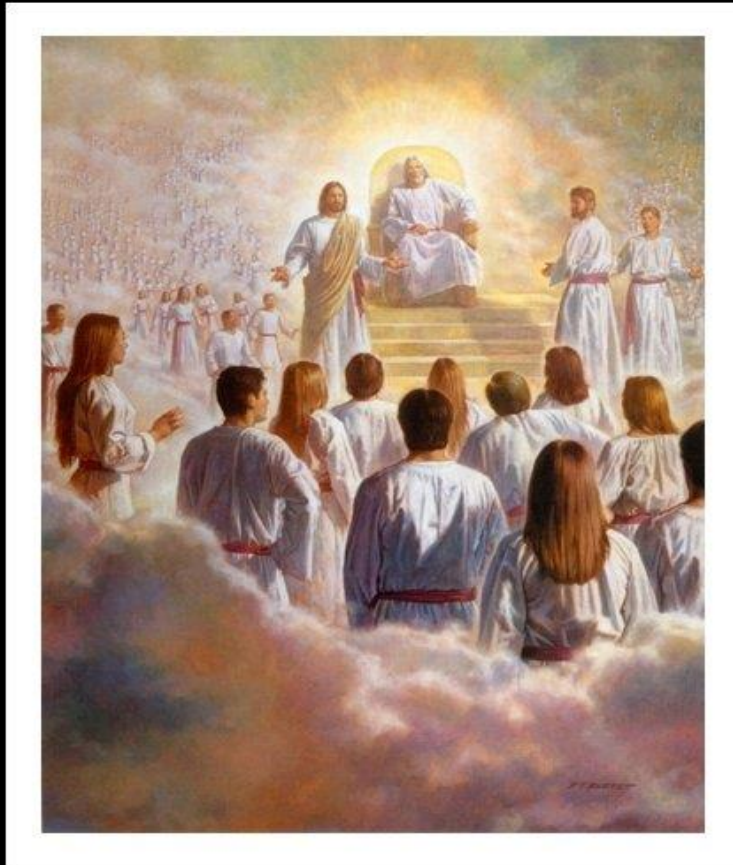
NO BEGINNING AND NO END



The pure principle of element are principles which can never be destroyed: they may be organized and reorganized, but not destroyed.

FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY

“The intelligent part of man was never created but always existed.”



“...we are born sons and daughters of God in the spirit and are destined to exist forever.”

“In him was life; and the life was the
light of men.”



Eternal Life

Manifestation from the Holy Ghost

The great plan is to bring to pass the
immortality and eternal Life



“All who have a true concept of
Jesus Christ and who have
received a witness by the spirit
of his divinity are ever stirred
by the records of his life.”

“And the light shineth in darkness:
and the darkness comprehended it
not.”

*And the light shineth in
the world, and the world
perceiveth it not.*



“...I am the same that came unto
mine own, and mine own received
me not...”



"The wicked comprehend not the things of God; they cannot know them, for they are spiritually discerned...

The unbelieving world cannot see as the Saints see; they walk in darkness, but the Saints are the children of light, even as many as keep sacred their covenants with God.

The wicked love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil...

We are called to be the children of light. Blessed are they who continue in the light, for the day of the Lord will not overtake them as a thief in the night;

but woe unto them that depart from, or reject that light that shines in the midst of the darkness, for the day cometh, and that speedily, when they will be overtaken as by a whirlwind.

The command of the Lord to the Saints is to watch, for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man shall come."



“I am the light which shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.”



They were looking for a leader in political and social reform and they had little interest in spiritual things.

“The world was made by him, and
the world knew him not”



There are those today who pass Him
by without recognizing Him.

THE FORERUNNER

“There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.”



John heard the Voice of the Lord.
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.” (Mark 1:3)

SPIRIT OF ELIAS

“The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.”



Preparing the way for the greater...his mission was to preach repentance and baptize with water.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ. As also he is in the sun, and the light of the sun, and the power thereof by which it was made.

Which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space—



And the light which shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understandings;

The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

"...the light of Christ is present in us mortals if we will respond to its illuminations (15)

THE WITNESS

The Light

All men through him might believe.

True Light



For every one who comes into this world.

The World



Made by Him

Came to his own

They didn't know him

Those who Received Him

Is given power to become sons of God

He was born



Of God

The Word

Mortality of Jesus

The Glory



Only Begotten of the Father full of grace and truth

"The Word was made flesh and *tabernacled* among us..."

John 1:14

Holy of Holies



The Propitiation for our sins

Our Sin Bearer

Holy Place



"Intercession for us"



"I AM the Light of the World"

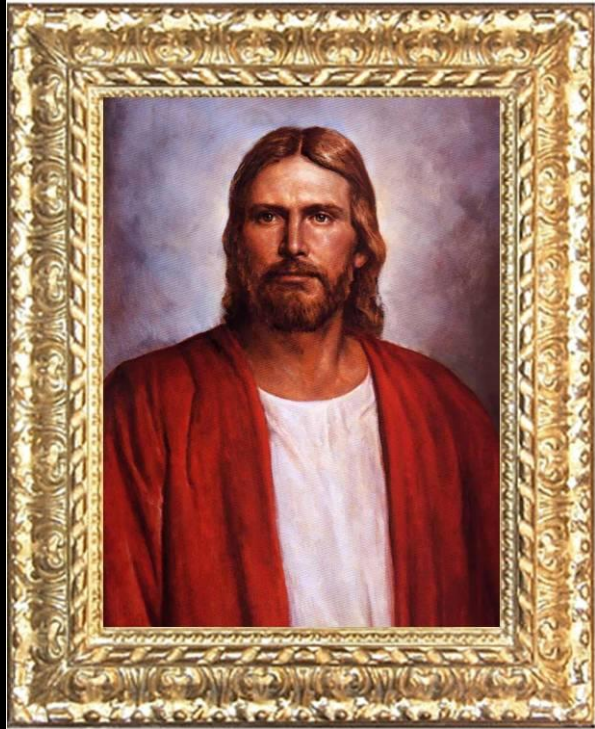


"I AM the Door"

"I AM the Bread of Life"

THE FULNESS

“For the law was given by Moses...



“...but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

GRACE AND TRUTH

An enabling power that allows men and women to lay hold on eternal life and exaltation after they have expended their own best efforts.



The Spirit of Truth is for all who hearken to that Spirit, the gift of the Holy Ghost.

DECLARATION

“No man hath seen God at any time...



“...only the begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

“And no man hath seen God at any time, except he hath borne record of the Son; for except it is through him no man can be saved.”

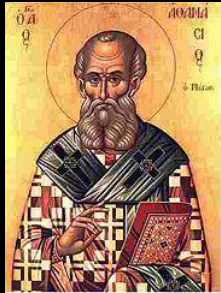


"It is to be hoped that you are aware that the Bible has come down to us through many translations and that it has been copied many times...

Therefore we find errors and contradictions in the Bible. "There are too many passages which declare very definitely that God did appear, 'face to face,' with his ancient servants.



Therefore, passages which declare that no man has seen him, must be in error. For instance, the passage in John 1:18, to which you refer, is likely due to the fact that a translator in more recent years did not believe that God was a Personage and therefore could not be seen.



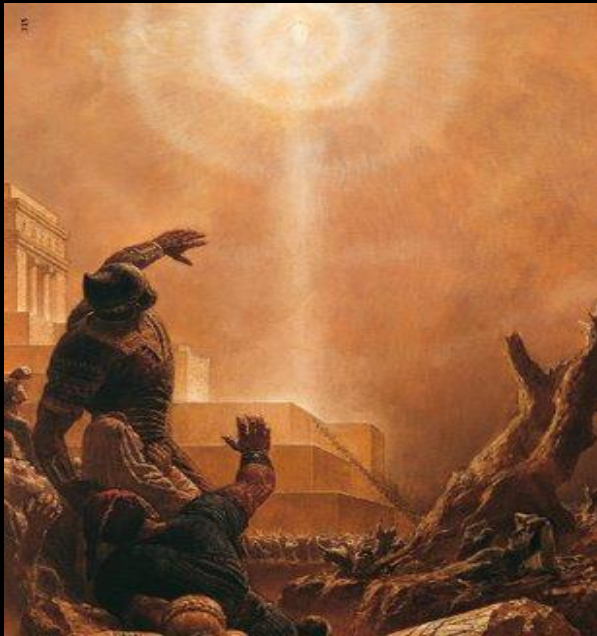
This notion has come down to us since the introduction of the Athanasian Creed in 325 A.D. The Prophet Joseph Smith has given us a correction of this passage as follows:

And no man hath seen God at any time, except he hath borne record of the Son, for except it is through him no man can be saved.



CAN WE SEE GOD?

Joseph Smith beheld the Father and the Son; therefore he could testify with personal knowledge that the scriptures were true.



“...Jesus showed himself unto this man in the spirit, ...even as he showed himself unto the Nephites.”

COME AND SEE



John is the only New Testament writer to use “the Lamb” as a title for the Savior. (1)

From the Joseph Smith Translation Peter would be called “Cephas, which is, by interpretation, *a seer*, or a stone” indicating that Peter would become a seer in the Church.



"Accepting the invitation of Jesus to go with Him to the place where He stayed, these two men remained with Him, listening to His words all the rest of the day. When they left, they believed that Jesus was the King of Israel, the Savior of the world. Thus they became, in that day the first two, beside John the Baptist, to believe in Jesus.

"Whenever we have anything which is really good, we always desire to share it with one we love. It was so with these two brothers. They no sooner felt the divine influence that radiated from the Savior than they were filled with a desire to bring those whom they loved under that same influence." (16)

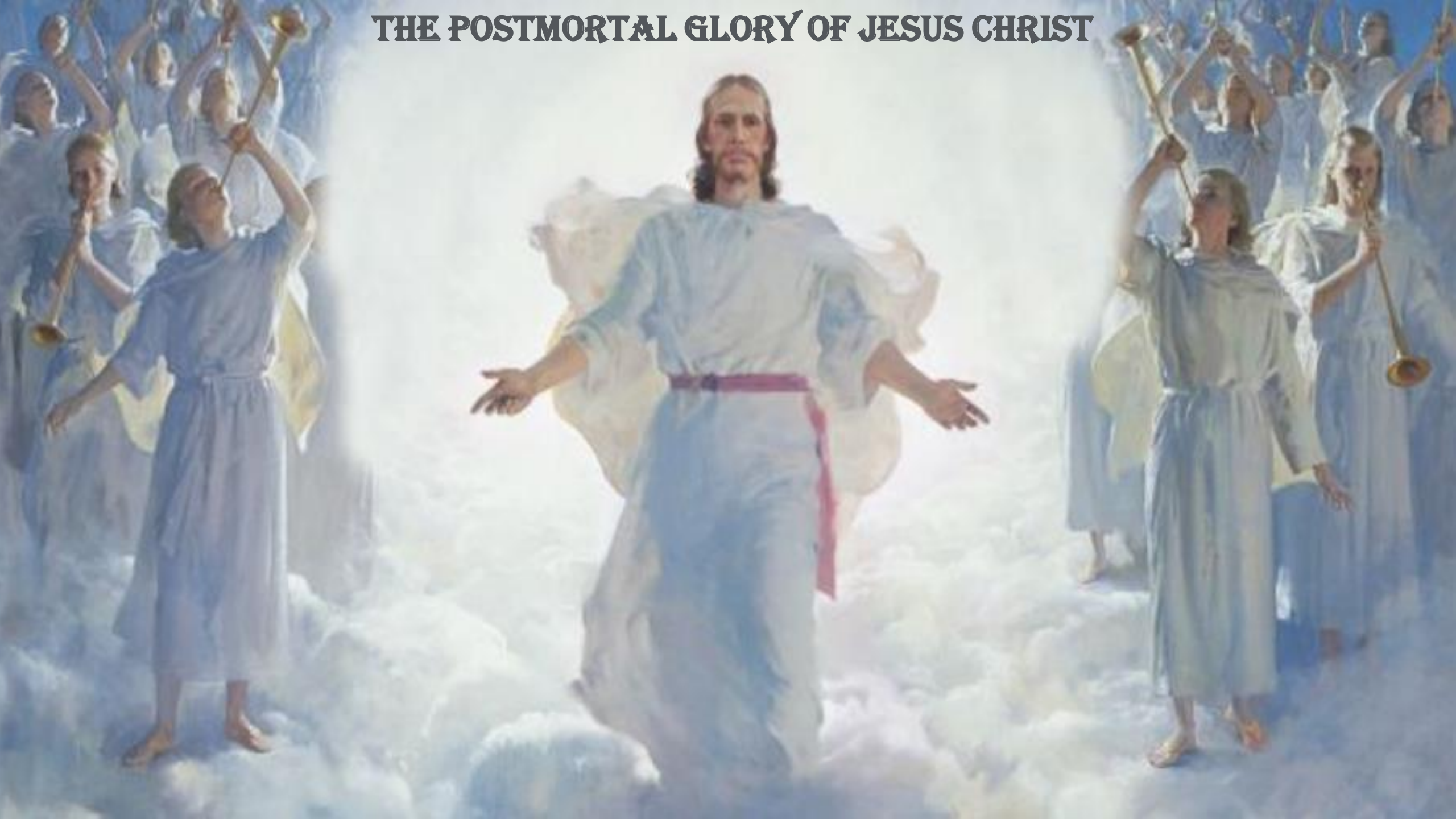
As we accept the invitation to learn of and follow Jesus Christ, we will receive our own witness of Him

"The import, glory, and grandeur of this Galilean meeting could not have been impressed more strongly upon [the disciples]. Nor can we doubt that the word went out-repetitiously-to all who were invited and that elaborate preparations were made.

This was to be no small and insignificant thing; many of them had already seen the Risen Lord, but all that had gone before was but a shadow and a foretaste of what was to be."



THE POSTMORTAL GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST



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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
In the Beginning			13:1-9	1:1-9
John is a Witness				1:10-18
John Testifies of Jesus				1:19-34
First Call of Disciples				1:35-51

The Word John 1:1:
“In the Greek language of the New Testament, that *Word* was *Logos*, or ‘expression.’ It was another name for the Master. That terminology may seem strange, but it is appropriate. We use words to convey our expression to others. So Jesus was the Word, or expression, of His Father to the world” Elder Russell M. Nelson (“Jesus the Christ: Our Master and More,” *Ensign*, Apr. 2000, 4).

Creation of the World John 1:1:
“The Father operated in the work of creation through the Son, who thus became the executive through whom the will, commandment, or word of the Father was put into effect. It is with incisive appropriateness therefore, that the Son, Jesus Christ, is designated by the apostle John as the Word; or as declared by the Father ‘the word of my power’ [John 1:1; Moses 1:32]” James E. Talmage (*Jesus the Christ*, 3rd ed. [1916], 33).

Creator John 1;3:
Jesus Christ, under the direction of His Father, was the organizer and builder of this world; that out of the elements that existed in space, He, the great Master, compounded, produced and materialized this substantial world upon which you and I live; that we are indebted to Him, and to our Father in heaven, for this life that we are enjoying, the bodies that we have, the beautiful world that we inhabit. We sometimes wonder where our heaven will be, that is, the people of the world wonder. We Latter-day Saints have no reason to doubt where our heaven will be, for the Lord has made known to us, that this splendid world that has been provided for us will ultimately be redeemed, having obeyed the laws of its being, and become celestialized, the home of celestial beings; so that if we shall ever come into heaven, or heavenly conditions, it will be, ultimately, upon this redeemed world. Jesus Christ has been the organizer and the builder of it, possessed with power to do all that." Melvin J. Ballard (*Conference Report, April 1914, Overflow Meeting.*)

John the Baptist Purpose John 1:6-8:
“The immediate purpose of the mission of John the Baptist was to bear witness that Jesus was the true Light, the true teacher of the way of life eternal, and to invite men to believe in him for the remission of their sins and be baptized. John the Baptist was not the Messiah or the leader of a great movement; he was the herald and witness, bearing testimony to the nature and divine titles of Jesus, and the witness through whom God attested the divine sonship of Jesus” Howard W. Hunter (in Conference Report, Oct. 1968, 141).

No Man Hath Seen God Luke 1:18:
"The Prophet Joseph Smith's understanding of the true meaning of these scriptures was made plain in a revelation received by him from the Lord at Hiram, Ohio, in November 1831: 'For no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except quickened by the Spirit of God.' (D&C 67:11.) "This doctrine was further clarified in the visions of Moses as revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith:
But now mine own eyes have beheld God; but not my natural, but my spiritual eyes, for my natural eyes could not have beheld; for I should have withered and died in his presence; but his glory was upon me; and I beheld his face, for I was transfigured before him. (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 1:11.)
"It is thus plain that man can only see God when '*quickened by the Spirit of God.*' This is apparently what John had in mind in the following statement:
It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. (John 6:45-46.)“ LeGrand Richards (*A Marvelous Work and a Wonder* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1950], 20-21.)

Bethabara john 1;28-34
“The River Jordan was the site Jesus chose for His baptism by John. ... Is it significant that this sacred ordinance was performed in virtually the lowest body of fresh water on the planet? Could He have selected a better place to symbolize the humble depths to which He went and from which He rose? By example, He taught us that He literally descended beneath all things to rise above all things. Surely, being baptized after the manner of His baptism signifies that through our obedience and effort we, too, can come from the depths to ascend to lofty heights of our own destiny.
“To us, the River Jordan is a sacred stream. The Jordan marked the termination of the wandering of the children of Israel. They had journeyed there from the banks of the Nile. Joshua had led some 600,000 Israelite warriors and their families across that roiling river during flood season, when the waters were suddenly stopped and heaped up to allow the faithful Israelites, carrying the ark of the covenant, to cross an empty river bed. (See Joshua 3.)

“... *Bethabara* in Hebrew means ‘house of the crossing.’ ... Could it be that Christ chose this location for His baptism in the River Jordan as a silent commemoration of the crossing of those faithful Israelites under Joshua’s direction so many years before, as well as a symbol that baptism is a spiritual crossing into the kingdom of God?” Elder Russell M. Nelson (“Why This Holy Land?” *Ensign*, Dec. 1989, 15).

The name Joshua is Hebrew, and it is rendered as *Iēsous* in Greek, which later became *Jesus* (later *Jesus*) in Latin. Thus, Joshua’s crossing of the Jordan River can be viewed as a type or foreshadowing of the future baptism of Jesus Christ (1)

Nathaniel or Bartholomew Luke 1:47:

"The reasons for assuming that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person are these: Bartholomew is named in each of the three synoptic Gospels as an apostle, but Nathanael is not mentioned. Nathanael is named twice in John's Gospel, and Bartholomew not at all; Bartholomew and Philip, or Nathanael and Philip, are mentioned together." James E. Talmage (*Jesus the Christ*, 213)

Chosen Apostles Luke 1:47:

"Clearly, Jesus had chosen these witnesses, for he said, 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you.' (John 15:16.) These twelve were common men from various walks of life. The Savior selected them because he could see far beyond their earthly appearance and look into their hearts, recognizing their potential.

"...In latter-day scriptures, we read that the Lord called Edward Partridge to be bishop for the Church because of his pure heart, 'for he is like unto Nathanael of old, in whom there is no guile.' (D&C 41:11.) In another revelation the Lord said, 'My servant George Miller is without guile; he may be trusted because of the integrity of his heart; and for the love which he has to my testimony I, the Lord, love him.' (D&C 124:20.)

"These passages of scripture help me understand what the Lord could see in Nathanael, Edward Partridge, and George Miller, and give me some insight into what he expects of the Saints. I believe the Savior was seeking purity of soul in those he called to be his twelve apostles. When he spoke of being without guile, he referred to something far deeper than outward appearance. He was reaching into the soul, to the very heart of righteousness. He was touching the key to goodness and to the Christlike life.

"To be without guile is to be pure in heart, an essential virtue of those who would be counted among true followers of Christ. He taught in the Sermon on the Mount: 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.' (Matthew 5:8; see also 3 Nephi 12:8.) He revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that Zion is the pure in heart (see D&C 97:21), and that a house is to be built in Zion in which the pure in heart shall see God (see D&C 97:10-16).

"If we are without guile, we are honest, true, and righteous. These are all attributes of Deity and are required of the Saints. Those who are honest are fair and truthful in their speech, straightforward in their dealings, free of deceit, and above stealing, misrepresentation, or any other fraudulent action. Honesty is of God; dishonesty of the devil, who was a liar from the beginning. Righteousness means living a life that is in harmony with the laws, principles, and ordinances of the gospel." Joseph B. Wirthlin (*Finding Peace in Our Lives* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1995], 180-181.)

What Seek Ye? John 1:51:

"It seems that the essence of our mortal journey and the answers to the most significant questions in life are distilled down to these two very brief elements in the opening scenes of the Savior's earthly ministry. One element is the question put to every one of us on this earth: 'What seek ye? What do you want?' The second is His response to our answer, *whatever that answer is*. Whoever we are and whatever we reply, His response is *always* the same: 'Come,' He says lovingly. 'Come, follow me.' Wherever you are going, first come and see what I do, see where and how I spend my time. Learn of me, walk with me, talk with me, believe. Listen to me pray. In turn you will find answers to your own prayers. God will bring rest to your souls" Elder Jeffrey R. Holland ("He Hath Filled the Hungry with Good Things," *Ensign*, Nov. 1997, 65).

The Light of Christ:

"The light of Christ is just what the words imply: enlightenment, knowledge, and an uplifting, ennobling, persevering influence that comes upon mankind because of Jesus Christ. For instance, Christ is 'the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world' (D&C 93:2; see John 1:9). The light of Christ fills the 'immensity of space' and is the means by which Christ is able to be 'in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things.' It 'giveth life to all things' and is 'the law by which all things are governed.' It is also 'the light that quickeneth' man's understanding (see D&C 88:6-13, 41). In this manner, the light of Christ is related to man's conscience and tells him right from wrong (Moro. 7:12-19).

"The light of Christ should not be confused with the personage of the Holy Ghost, for the light of Christ is not a personage at all. Its influence is preliminary to and preparatory to one's receiving the Holy Ghost" (Bible Dictionary, "Light of Christ"). Bible Dictionary

Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught the following about the Light of Christ:

"The Light of Christ is that divine power or influence that emanates from God through Jesus Christ. It gives light and life to all things. It prompts all rational individuals throughout the earth to distinguish truth from error, right from wrong. It activates your conscience" ("Peace of Conscience and Peace of Mind," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2004, 15).

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? President Thomas S. Monson

"From Nazareth came example.

"From Nazareth came sight.

"From Nazareth came strength.

"From Nazareth came life.

"From Nazareth came faith.

"From Nazareth came peace.

"From Nazareth came courage.

"From Nazareth came Christ" ("Can There Any Good Thing Come Out of Nazareth?" *Ensign*, Oct. 1988, 3, 5).

Names Of Jesus The Christ

English	Greek	Hebrew	Meaning
Joshua	Jesus	Yhoshua or Yeshua	Individual name of the Savior "Help of Jehovah". It was a common name. His name was divinely prescribed (made known before His birth)
	Christ	Messiah or Messias	A sacred title and not a common name. Hebrew meaning signifying the Anointed One.
		Immanuel or Emmauel	God with us. Given in Isaiah as a sign of God's deliverance and also Matthew. Signifies that Christ as God will be born into mortality of a Virgin and will be among the people to save and redeem them Other titles include: Redeemer, Only Begotten Son, Lord, Son of God, Son of Man. All made known before His birth
LORD		Jehovah, Yahveh, or Jahveh	Signifying the Self-existent One, or The Eternal. LORD, printed in capitals in the Old Testament

English	Greek	Hebrew	Meaning
		Ehyeh	Signifying “I Am” is related in meaning and through derivation with the term Yahveh or Jehovah. Using this name when the Lord reveled Himself to Moses. He also declares Himself to be “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”
		God Almighty	Appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by this name. Jehovah was not known to them.
	Alpha and Omega		First letter of the Greek alphabet, and last letter. Meaning all encompassing nature of Christ, being the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
		Adonai or Yahveh	Jews referred this to terms of Lord and God as in the Old Testament. The Lord who spoke through the voice of Isaiah, and with Jehovah who spoke through Zechariah.

English	Greek	Hebrew	Meaning
Christ	Christ	Messiah	Meaning anointed and equivalent of Messiah, which is from a Hebrew and Aramaic term meaning anointed. "Anointed One"
		Heavenly Father names	
Elohim		Elohim	<p>Frequently found in Hebrew texts of the Old Testament. Not found in our English version.</p> <p>In form the word is a Hebrew plural noun. It is expressive of supreme or absolute exaltation and power. Used in the restored Church of Jesus Christ, is the name-title of God the Eternal Father, whose firstborn Son in the spirit is Jehovah- The Only Begotten in the flesh, Jesus Christ.</p>
		Abba	<p>Aramaic for father, in Talmudic times was used as a title of honor. It was used in the language of Jesus and the apostles, and later by Greek-speaking Christians as an intimate name for the Father in Heaven</p>

Names of Jesus Christ (200)	Christ the Lamb	God of Abraham	Joseph's Son	Lord of the Sabbath
Advocate	Comforter	God of Isaac	Judge	Lord Omnipotent
Almighty	Consolation of Israel	God of Israel	Judge of Quick and Dead	Lord our Righteousness
Almighty God	Cornerstone	God of Jacob	Just One	Lord's Christ
Alpha and Omega	Counsellor	God of Thy Father	Just, The	Maker
Amen, The	Creator	God of Whole Earth	King	Man of Counsel
Ancient of Days	Creator of All Things	God's Anointed	King of Israel	Man of Holiness
Anointed	Deliverer	God's Holy Child Jesus	King of Kings	Master
Anointed One	Divine Son	Good Shepherd	King of Zion/Sion	Mediator
Author	Door of the Sheep	Governor	King of the Jews	Meek and Lowly
Author of Eternal Salvation	Emmanuel	Great I AM	Lamb	Messenger of the Covenant
Beginning	End of the Law	Great God	Lamb of God	Messiah
Beginning and the Ending	Endless	Great Shepherd	Life, the	Messias
Begotten	Eternal	Head of Every Man	Light of the World	Mighty God
Beloved	Eternal Father	Head of the Body	Light, the	Mighty One
Beloved Son	Eternal God	Head of the Church	Lion of the Tribe of Judah	Mighty One of Israel
Beloved Son of God	Eternal Head	Healer	Living Bread	Mighty One of Jacob
Blessed of God	Eternal Judge	Heir of All Things	Living Stone	Minister
Bread of Life	Eternal Judge of Quick and Dead	Holy	Living Water	Most High God
Bridegroom	Everlasting Father	Holy Child	Lord	Nazarene
Bright and Morning Star	Example	Holy Messiah	Lord from Heaven	Offspring of David
Captain of Man's Salvation	Exemplar	Holy One	Lord God	One Body
Captain of Our Salvation	Faithful and True	Holy One of Israel	Lord God Almighty	Only Begotten
Carpenter	Father	Holy One of Jacob	Lord God of Hosts	Only Begotten of the Father
Carpenter's Son	Father of Heaven and Earth	I AM	Lord Jehovah	Only Begotten Son
Chief Cornerstone	Finisher	Image of God	Lord Jesus	Our Passover
Chosen	Finisher of faith	Immanuel	Lord of All	Physician
Chosen of God	First and the Last	Jehovah	Lord of Dead	Power of God
Christ	Firstborn	Jesus	Lord of Glory	Prince
Christ Child	Firstfruits	Jesus Christ	Lord of Hosts	Prince of Life
Christ of God	Forerunner	Jesus of Galilee	Lord of Living	Prince of Peace
Christ the Lamb	God	Jesus of Nazareth	Lord of Lords	Prophet

Prophet of Nazareth	Son of the Eternal Father
Propitiation for Sins of Whole World	Son of the Everlasting God
Rabbi	Son of the Highest
Redeemer	Son of the Living God
Redeemer of Israel	Son of the Most High God
Redeemer of the World	Spiritual Rock
Resurrection and the Life	Stem of Jesse
Revealer	Teacher Come from God
Righteous Judge	True Vine
Righteous Man	Truth, the
Rock, the	Unchangeable One
Rock of Heaven	Way, the
Root of Jesse	Well Beloved
Sacrifice, the	Wisdom of God
Savior	Wonderful
Savior of Israel	Word of Life
Savior of the World	Word, the
Second Comforter	Worthy
Seed of Abraham	
Seed of David	159-208
Seed of the Woman	
Servant of Jehovah	
Servant of the Lord	
Shepherd	
Son	
Son of Abraham	
Son of David	
Son of God	
Son of Man	
Son of Mary	
Son of Righteousness	
Son of the Blessed	

This list contains over 200 of the many names of Jesus Christ. Some are titles of the Savior and concepts of who Christ is. Many of the names of Jesus come from the Bible, LDS Scriptures, and Latter-day revelation to living prophets.

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Remember that it is OK to experience grief and pain.

Even Jesus grieved for those He loved.

Myopic

nearsighted or shortsighted

When we view our circumstances with an eternal perspective, the Lord can help us deal with these feelings.



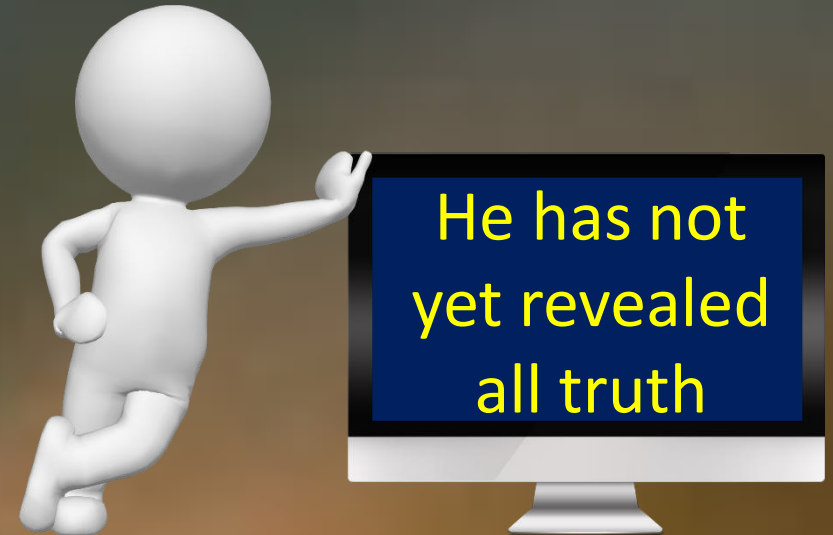
Act in Faith



“When those moments come and issues surface, the resolution of which is not immediately forthcoming, hold fast to what you already know and stand strong until additional knowledge comes.” ⁽¹⁾

*Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not.
D&C 6:36*

When we may not immediately find answers to our questions, it is helpful to remember that although Heavenly Father has revealed all that is necessary for our salvation...



Trust

Learning how to trust in the Lord is vital to being able to act in faith



What does it mean to trust someone?

Who in your life do you trust to help you make it safely through mortality?

We act in faith when we choose to trust God and turn to Him first through sincere prayer, a study of His teachings, and obedience to His commandments.

Prayer, Study, and Keeping Commandments

How would turning to God first in prayer show that you trust Him?

How does a willingness to pray, study the Lord's teachings, and obey His commandments show that we trust Him and want to act in faith?

How does an unwillingness to do these things show a lack of trust in Him?

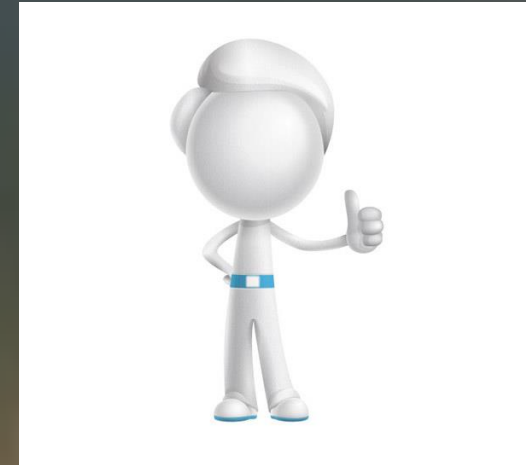




Hold Fast To What You Know

It is important that we rely on the testimony that we already have of Jesus Christ, the Restoration of His gospel, and the teachings of His ordained prophets.”

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland



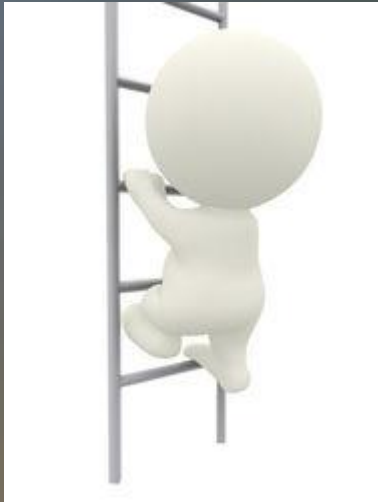
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Trust in the Lord

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; for unto him that receiveth I will give more; and from them that shall say, We have enough, from them shall be taken away even that which they have.

2 Nephi 28-30

Examine Concepts and Questions with an Eternal Perspective

To examine doctrinal concepts, questions, and social issues with an eternal perspective, we consider them in the context of the plan of salvation and the teachings of the Savior.

We seek the help of the Holy Ghost in order to see things as the Lord sees them

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

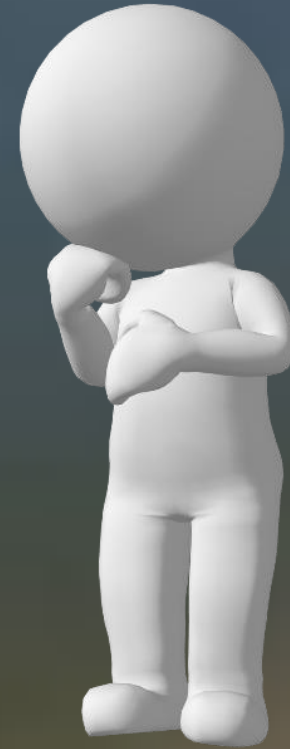
But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
1 Corinthians 5, 10-11*



The Gift Itself

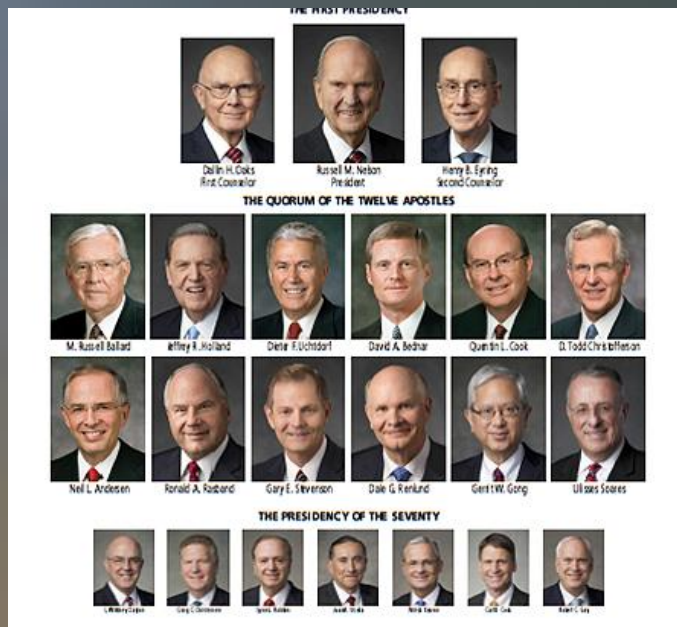
To be distracted by less significant details at the expense of missing the unfolding miracle of the Restoration is like spending time analyzing a gift box and ignoring the wonder of the gift itself.



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Seek Further Understanding through Divinely Appointed Sources

Truth Through:
The light of Christ, the Holy Ghost, the scriptures,
parents, and Church leaders.



The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—the Lord’s prophets upon the earth today—are a vital source of truth. The Lord has chosen and ordained these individuals to speak for Him.

Trustworthy Sources

Sincere seekers of truth should be wary of unreliable sources of information

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20

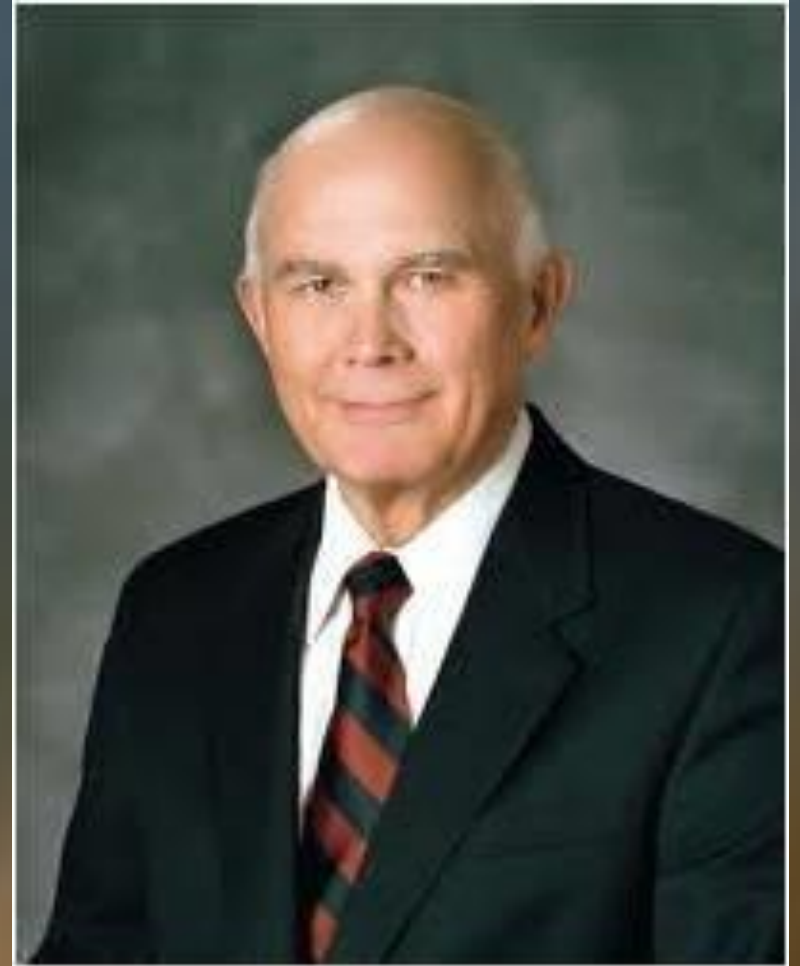


Learning to recognize and avoid unreliable sources can protect us from misinformation and from those who seek to destroy faith.



Because Latter-day Saints know our Heavenly Father's plan for His children, we know that this mortal life is not a one-act play sandwiched between an unknowable past and an uncertain future.

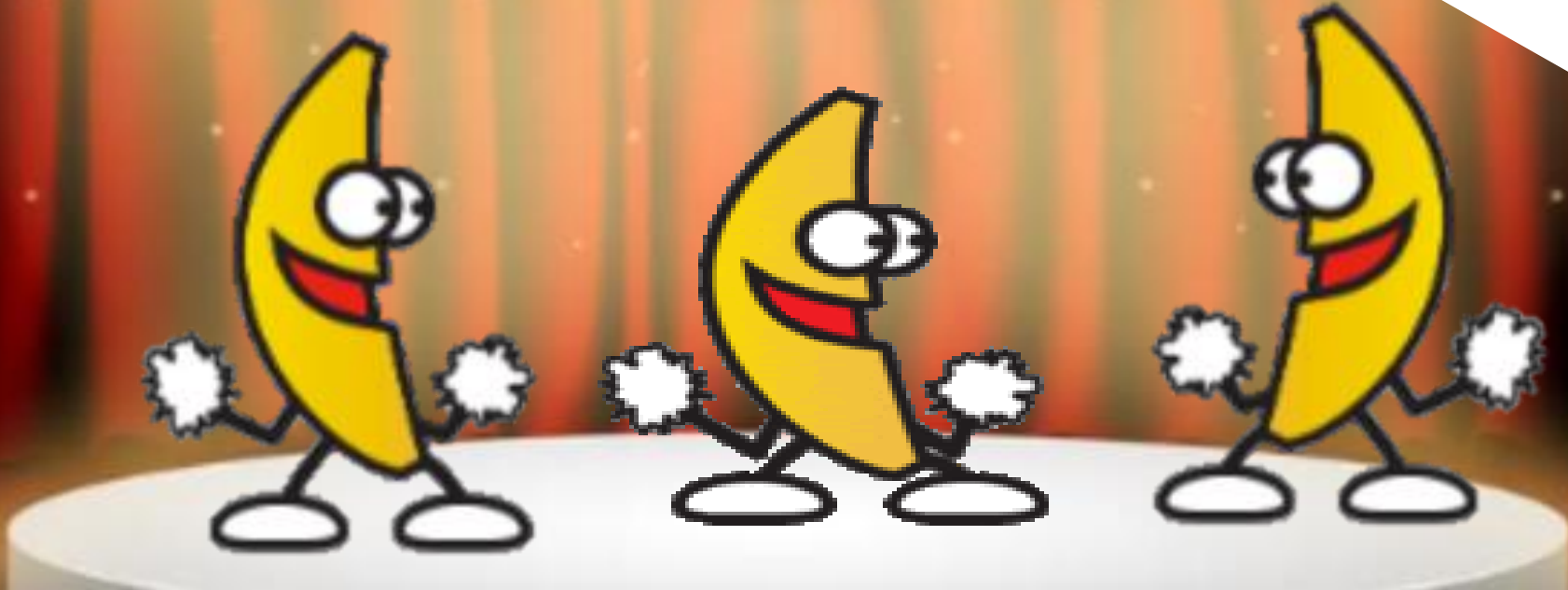
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This life is like the second act in a three-act play. Its purpose is defined by what is revealed about our spiritual existence in Act 1 and our eternal destiny in Act 3.

Because of our knowledge of this Plan and other truths that God has revealed, we start with different assumptions than those who do not share our knowledge.

As a result, we reach different conclusions on many important subjects that others judge only in terms of their opinions about mortal life.
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Sources:

1. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland “Lord, I Believe,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2013, 94).
2. Dallin H. Oaks, “As He Thinketh in His Heart” [evening with a General Authority, Feb. 8, 2013 3-4],

If we begin with an eternal perspective, we will arrive at conclusions that reflect eternal truth. But if we begin with worldly assumptions, we are likely to arrive at worldly conclusions. So we may need to reframe some questions because we simply do not accept the premises on which they are based. For example, you have probably been asked, “Shouldn’t any two people who love each other be able to marry?” From the perspective of much of the world, the answer would seem to be yes. But think about what you know about the plan of salvation and about Heavenly Father’s purpose for marriage. The plan of salvation provides an eternal perspective and a gospel premise that reframes the question. Some questions you may consider are “Why is the family ordained of God?” or “Why has the Lord established marriage between a man and a woman?” Think about what you know about the spirit children of Heavenly Father—where they come from and what He wants for them now and in the eternities. Think about why He has blessed us with the power to seal families in temples. How does your understanding of these principles reframe the question and allow you to see the issue through the light of the gospel?
(Chad H Webb, “That They May Know How to Come unto Him and Be Saved” [Brigham Young University–Hawaii devotional, Mar. 22, 2016], byuh.edu)

Vital Source of Truth:
The Church is making great efforts to be transparent with the records we have, but after all we can publish, our members are sometimes left with basic questions that cannot be resolved by study. ... Some things can be learned only by faith (see D&C 88:118). Our ultimate reliance must be on faith in the witness we have received from the Holy Ghost” (Dallin H. Oaks, “Opposition in All Things,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2016, 117).

Seeking Further Understanding:
*Much of what the Lord reveals to His prophets is intended to prevent sorrow for us as individuals and as societies. When God speaks, He does so to teach, inspire, refine, and warn His children. When individuals and societies ignore their Heavenly Father’s instructions, they do so at the risk of trial, torment, and toil.
“God loves all His children. That is why He pleads so earnestly with us through His prophets. Just as we want what is best for our loved ones, Heavenly Father wants what is best for us. That is why His instructions are so crucial and sometimes so urgent. That is why He has not abandoned us today but continues to reveal His will to us through His prophets. Our fate and the fate of our world hinge on our hearing and heeding the revealed word of God to His children” (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Why Do We Need Prophets?” Ensign, Mar. 2012, 4).*

God Uses Ordinary Men to Lead:
*“On one occasion, Karl G. Maeser was leading a party of young missionaries across the Alps. As they reached the summit, he looked back and saw a row of sticks thrust into the snow to mark the one safe path across the otherwise treacherous glacier.
“Halting the company of missionaries, he gestured toward the sticks and said, ‘Brethren, there stands the priesthood [meaning the priesthood leaders God has put in place to guide His people]. They are just common sticks like the rest of us, ... but the position they hold makes them what they are to us. If we step aside from the path they mark, we are lost.’ (In Alma P. Burton, Karl G. Maeser, Mormon Educator, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1953, p. 22.)
“Although no one of us is perfect, the Church moves forward, led by ordinary people.
“The Lord promised:
“If my people will hearken unto my voice, and unto the voice of my servants whom I have appointed to lead my people, behold, verily I say unto you, they shall not be moved out of their place.
“But if they will not hearken to my voice, nor unto the voice of these men whom I have appointed, they shall not be blest.’ (D&C 124:45–46.)
“I bear witness, brethren and sisters, that the leaders of the Church were called of God by proper authority, and it is known to the Church that they have that authority and have been properly ordained by the regularly ordained heads of the Church. If we follow them we will be saved” (Boyd K. Packer, “From Such Turn Away,” Ensign, May 1985, 35).*