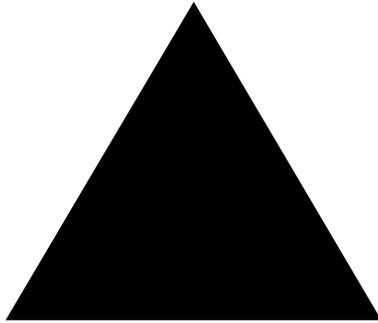


PYRAMIDS OF GOD

Thinking Paradigms of Light and Truth



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“But I have commanded you to bring up your children in light and truth.”

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PREFACE

This treatise began as an applied research into the book *FUTURLOGICS – A System of Prospective Thinking* copyright 1983 written by James N. Hall. While discussing with my wife Julie on each Saturday morning the ideas and theories of thinking found in the *Futurlogics*, we noticed a parallel between the Ten Commandments given to Moses and the Beatitudes of Jesus of Nazareth. This parallel was very marked, due to the futurlogical method of metaphorical thinking. Perhaps this paradigm was enough to toggle the inner vision to the underlying relationship between the Old Testament law and the New Testament blessedness. We may call this inner vision the “observer effect”. While the “observer effect” is basic to the principles in the *Futurlogics*, where prior knowledge; or, a mode of thinking and learning can and does alter the things seen and thought about. Perhaps the concepts and connections found in this book can be attributed to this “observer effect.” Be that as it may, it is found useful and experimental, even profitable to the words of God and may be found profitable for learning. We still stand by the following which is an excerpt from the same *FUTURLOGICS* 1983 which is also applicable to this present writing. To quote:

It must be understood that this book contains no prophecy, no predictions or forecasts of any kind except those used merely to exemplify the inherent principles of prospective thinking. In no way are they to be interpreted as mystical and underlying the pattern of things to come except in the most general way. If one is seeking such, he will have to look elsewhere, as one of the tenets of this book is that the future should be a matter of self-discovery and not the prerogative of a select few dictating their vision to the many. Self teaching must remain the core and wellspring of this writing. And the interpretation of religious writings must be left to those who have the authority to do so. copyright (c) James N. Hall 1983

We do not claim any authority to set forth doctrine and only introduce the reader to a thinking system based upon the scriptures and the modal effect or what is commonly called the “observer effect.” Nevertheless, we will find it very pleasing, if the reader gains a greater understanding of the scriptures and their grand purposes. The work in this book is first a study and then second a theory. Here are two scriptures from the Doctrine and Covenants which reference the word theory and imply a meaning to the same:

Doctrine and Covenants 88:78

78 Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in THEORY, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand;

Doctrine and Covenants 97:14

14 That they may be perfected in the understanding of their ministry, in THEORY, in principle, and in doctrine, in all things pertaining to the kingdom of God on the earth, the keys of which kingdom have been conferred upon you.

(Note: the word THEORY above is not capitalized in the original but is set in capitals to aid the reader in the reference.) Nevertheless to get to that general view or perspective, we will start with the details, that are as scriptural as possible: and then build up to the most general aspect or view. This building up from a broad base of details to a focal aspect or perspective is, what, and why, the term pyramid is employed here as a communicating type. For it lends credence to the method in a metaphoric way. The technical word for this mental effect is gestalt which by definition is seeing many things at once—as one thing. We are going to build a mosaic from the separate scriptures. And as with a mosaic, focus and distance from the work, is all the effect of the final view and picture when looking to see the overall picture of the mosaic. The details only reveal pieces of stone and mortar arrayed in a pattern. The detail oriented person may not see the intent of the mosaic. And the intent of this mosaic is to think better. Once this advanced thinking is achieved then this scaffolding can be absorbed into a better theory.

The mental structures that will be defined and outlined in this work are to be understood as metaphors of thought. These ideas are to be taken in general and not specifically as the specific details may cause the system to collapse with contradiction. However if the general view is correct the specific perspective should fit quite nicely as the system is applied to generate ideas and principles. Thinking should be improved.

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INTRODUCTION

The following scripture taken from the Book of Alma in the Book of Mormon, which is a Latter Day Saint canonical book will give the authors enough credentials to experiment thus upon the word of God in reasonably similar fashion. The reader will have to fill in the relevance with his own imagination, experience, discernment and judgment. Think of this presentation as a thought experiment. Here for your reference is this part of Alma's discourse on faith:

Alma 32:21,26-32

21 And now as I said concerning faith—faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if ye have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true.

Let us hope for things which are not yet seen but which are true. May we judge the presentation in this treatise with hope and see what develops; perhaps it will expand understanding and possibly faith. In faith the less than perfect knowledge is the lack of detail that a general approach to viewing the mosaic affords. Faith is the ability to see things in general, and not be disturb by the details, that seemingly contradict the perfect view that develops in spiritual growth.

26 Now, as I said concerning faith—that it was not a perfect knowledge—even so it is with my words. Ye cannot know of their surety at first, unto perfection, any more than faith is a perfect knowledge.

27 But behold, if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle of faith, yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of my words.

This treatise will use the scriptures to form models or paradigms of thinking used in a metaphoric approach. This is the experiment that is drawn from these scriptures. But the advice and counsel to awake and arouse your faculties is well taken. Let us continue our experiment into the pyramids of thought and build our mosaic and let us see what we see with this in mind as a paradigm. Therefore let us build a set of paradigms of thought we shall call pyramids. Continuing Alma's discourse:

28 Now, we will compare the word unto a seed. Now, if ye give place, that a seed may be planted in your heart, behold, if it be a true seed, or a good seed, if ye do not cast it out by your unbelief, that ye will resist the Spirit of the Lord, behold, it will begin to swell within your breasts; and when you feel these swelling motions, ye will begin to say within yourselves—It must needs be that this is a good seed, or that the word is good, for it beginneth to enlarge my soul; yea, it beginneth to enlighten my understanding, yea, it beginneth to be delicious to me.

29 Now behold, would not this increase your faith? I say unto you, Yea; nevertheless it hath not grown up to a perfect knowledge.

30 But behold, as the seed swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, then you must needs say that the seed is good; for behold it swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow. And now behold, will not this strengthen your faith? Yea, it will strengthen your faith: for ye will say I know that this is a good seed; for behold it sprouteth and beginneth to grow.

31 And now, behold, are ye sure that this is a good seed? I say unto you, Yea; for every seed bringeth forth unto its own likeness.

32 Therefore, if a seed groweth it is good, but if it groweth not, behold it is not good, therefore it is cast away.

It is hoped therefore, that what the reader believes temporarily concerning the scriptural pyramids, will bring good results and will grow into a grander tree of faith that has a potent substance under the bark, to enable those of sincere heart and real intent, to weather the winters of trials, problems, and questions that may come or just to assist in scriptural research.

For a brief overview of the contents of the book FUTURLOGICS as it pertains to this treatise: Futurlogics is the paradigm used by the authors to see in the scriptures the pyramids or sub-paradigms. Really what ideas and knowledge you already know either, assists or resists, what you can further learn. Also misplaced knowledge, can send you down a path with many dead ends. Just as stated in *The Lectures on Faith* (Latter Day Saint publication 1835) a correct knowledge of God is essential to faith. So are correct knowledge and thinking techniques prerequisite to advanced learning. Incorrect traditions can block spiritual growth, if the lessons from parents have been steeped in erroneous traditions. Also disobedience to principles of intelligence, will take us to forbidden paths. Does it take a paradigm to find or see a paradigm? Whether one is conscious of the workings of a paradigm or not, they exist! And whether the paradigm is fully developed or just rudimentary, we use them as a mental apparatus to think and

research and recognize knowledge from data and information. Therefore, those who want to read the paradigm that the authors used to discover the pyramids may go to APPENDIX A and return to continue. Those who want to go into the following discussion with their own paradigm may continue, it is up to the reader. Futurlogics is not necessary to understand the pyramids in this treatise; however, it explains the authors mental beginnings to the pyramids.

At this point you have chosen to be influence by the author's paradigm or you are using your own existing paradigm. Whatever models of thought and experiences are used, it will direct the following course of thinking and learning. Perhaps for a second reading you may try reading the Futurlogics paradigm first for a different perspective on the following theory. For those who do not care to experiment with Futurlogics: begin by starting with PART ONE and the Ten Commandments:

All scriptures quoted herein are derived from the standard works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, unless otherwise noted. Which are:

Bible King James Version
Book of Mormon
Doctrine and Covenants
Pearl of Great Price

PART ONE:

THE LAW AS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Fundamental to the Law given to Moses is the Ten Commandments as these carry the gravest punishment for violation. It could be shown that even death is prescribed in the Old Testament writings, for the willful breaking of these commandments or laws. The Decalogue is the result of a long standing history.

The Ten Commandments or The Decalogue of the Law of Moses taken from the King James Version of the Bible (All biblical scriptures will be from the King James version of the bible unless otherwise specified):

Exodus 20:1 to Exodus 20:17

And God spake all these words, saying, I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

There is no mention here of a god or gods AFTER me. Besides what would other gods be to us on this earth for this earth life as the true and living God is above all in power and excellence for us? We are to be concerned with the god with which we have to do.

Hebrews 4:13

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

What god or thing could man make that would have any efficacy or power? Yet, why have men done this and then bow down to them? Who would want to offend God with such behavior in the first place?

Nevertheless, we can see inherent in this requirement a principle that will improve our lives. There should be no substitutes for God. Our vision must look beyond the physical and material to the spiritual.

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

Reverence and respect is in order for the taking of the name of the LORD in our vanity. Is priestcraft to be put away? To avoid guilt so mentioned let us not substitute any thing in place of the LORD our God. Let us not use His name for worldly gain or fame. Vanity of the mind's imaginations should hold in respect and value the *sacred* authority of the LORD besides His name.

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

The constant business commitment or work routine will influence behavior. Also we should be still at the right time, to gain the knowledge that needs our pondering and contemplation. Sometimes,

we must rest or stop to go ahead faster. Sometimes, we must slow down to gain more progress. It is common sense that a man can not sprint around the world or across a continent; but, with the proper pace, a man or woman can walk for very great distances, even around the planet. This commandment points our minds again and again to the thousand years of peace that is known as the millennium. It is a preparation of that great last rest when the earth is being prepared under the leadership of Jesus for the return of the Father. It should remind us of the Earth in its perfected glorified state. How much could we learn and appreciate if we pace our self with rest periods? How much more will we notice if we are still and quiet, occasionally? Could we discern spirits when quiet enough? The sabbath requires that we schedule things ahead of time to be respectful on this day.

One might ask the question here as to: why the wife is not listed in those who are not to do any work on the sabbath? The stranger in the gates is specified; yet, it can be noticed this commandment does not place the wife or mother on the do not work list. Nor does it mention grandmother or great grandmother either. Women had babies on the sabbath. Women nurse children on the sabbath. Perhaps the status of mothers as co-creators with God place them with God in the sabbath considerations. Mothers part in the purpose of God will be clear as His eternal purposes unfold to us. The family and the home must go on, and it is the purpose of the rest of god in the first place. Does this tell us that family is a priority in the sight of God?

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

The promise here is that we will grow old and then, perhaps be in our parents place. Could all face what our parents face and have faced? We should also be participants in the promises that were made to our fathers, as these ancient covenants apply to us, if we so choose. We should be grateful for righteous and goodly parents that teach us, and have guided us as we grow and learn. We can improve on our heritage to hand down to our children even greater works and blessings. We can change if necessary.

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

All of us rather than seeking to kill our fellows in this earth life, should instead seek their salvation and safety, and even help in their exaltation when possible. “They” are our fellow creatures and children of God. Anger is the prime motive that would make our act destructive, rather than edifying and creative. We must avoid destructive anger to keep this commandment. Free will is first casualty when anger goes unchecked. Perhaps we should be healers.

3 Nephi 14:5

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother’s eye.

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

President David O McKay said, “There is no success that will compensate for failure in the family.” Or to paraphrase, there is nothing that will substitute for a happy loving family life with a loving spouse and children. Those who commit adultery will deny the faith, and without faith a man will lose vision, and without vision people perish. Like the Moon reflects light, our lives should reflect virtue. Let the vision of the moon in the night sky, remind us of the virtue we must have to keep the faith. Nevertheless, we should not seek signs or miracles, but rather have faith. Let us live like the visionary dreamer Joseph, who was sold into Egypt by his brothers, yet saved Egypt and his family and his brothers who betrayed him:

Genesis 39:7-8, 12

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what [is] with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

God owns all, and we are dependent upon him for all we have. Be always ready to discern and trace the ownership of anything before us, to God. Respect our neighbor's property and in turn there is respect expected. Let not our property become slippery. All the imagination in the world will not make up for the loss of property needed in time.

Joseph Smith's Translation Matthew 6:19

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

No one can steal the stars in the heavens and the night sky. We can rest our guard forever knowing the stars will not disappear from before us. This should strengthen hope in spiritual values.

Doctrine and Covenants 84:85

85 Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say; but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man.

Do not "take" or "steal" thought beforehand, "what ye shall say". Rather than steal thoughts, treasure in your minds continually the words of life. How will God communicate to you if your mind is full of busy thoughts?

Matthew 6:34

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.

Let a good night sleep without worry bring the new solution in the morning. However, this is not advice to avoid thinking ahead. Thinking ahead will clear the mind of worry if done well.

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

There is a puzzle here as to whether the non neighbor is due a true witness? Of course being able tell the truth always in all conditions will temper the testimony. Lies eat at our senses to dull our witness. To see or hear clearly we must speak the truth clearly to everyone.

Titus 1:2

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

God's promises are sure words of prophecy. The millennium will fulfill all His words that any witness has ever born. The earth should be viewed from the millennial perspective to discern "what is really going on" in today's world.

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

Exodus 18:21

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place [such] over them, [to be] rulers of thousands, [and] rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

If you want to be an able leader, then hate covetousness! The followers of such leaders are secure in the knowledge they are lead by men who will protect their possessions.

1 Corinthians 12:31

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Apparently coveting the neighbor's possessions is outlawed, nevertheless coveting is encouraged, if one covets the gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps, the generous giving person is immune to covetousness? Really, to give is better than to receive.

Why covet anything, that would take us from the promised rewards, which have been handed down to us by the prophets and our parents? Why would we want to trade places with anyone, and lose our identity? Work for the things you would have righteous desires to obtain, and it will be given you. We are our memories, by coveting another's memories, we may lose our own memories. Everyone should find solace in their own inheritances.

PART TWO:

THE TEN BEATITUDES

The Ten Commandments or the Law is still in effect today. They have not been replaced or superseded. We must still obey them. But how we keep them is all the difference. Do we keep them in our hearts and minds as well as our behavior? It would seem so as Jesus would explain with further commentary on the law, as may be seen in the following expression of exactitude of the law in our lives as explained next:

3 Nephi 12:17-19

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill;

18 For verily I say unto you, one jot nor tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled.

19 And behold, I have given you the law and the commandments of my Father, that ye shall believe in me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Behold, ye have the commandments before you, and the law is fulfilled.

If one were to become like Jesus in all respect, we will be living the law in our very heart, as Isaiah proclaimed in the next verse:

Joseph Smith Translation Isaiah 51:7

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart I have written my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

By living the Ten Beatitudes one should fulfill this scripture of Isaiah. Jesus said, "I am the Law." Placing Jesus in our hearts is like writing the law in our hearts as he came to fulfill the law. Also the helping gift associated to the Beatitude is added at the end of each listed.

Now there are more than ten states of blessedness but as with the Ten Commandments there may be Ten Principle Beatitudes. The coincidence of their being ten of each fairly scintillates with potential. It really prompts a studied examination. And that is what we shall do.

Let us list and give commentary on the Ten Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount as given to the Nephites in the Book of Mormon with some references to the inspired translation of Matthew of Joseph Smith Jr.:

BEATITUDE 1 *And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:3

Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

Because in the Sermon on the Mount as given during Jesus of Nazareth earth life, we see a difference in tense and vehicle in the translation of Joseph Smith. The “believe in me” vs. “believe on me” is worth noticing. Also “ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am” vs. “after that ye have seen me and know that I am” should be noted and compared. This knowledge and witness, is of great power to those called to serve, and will be a standard and example for others to see and know through them. This is the blessed condition and state.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:13

13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.

BEATITUDE 2 *And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:partial verse 3-4

and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am. 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

Once again, because in the Sermon on the Mount, as given during Jesus of Nazareth earth life, we see a difference in tense and vehicle. Note “believe on your words” vs. “believe in your words” as the post resurrected Savior is differentiated in the Joseph Smith translation.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:14

14 To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

BEATITUDE 3 *Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Perhaps this beatitude is subject to more private interpretation than the other beatitudes. And you may think that this offering is more of the same to add to the confusion. Nevertheless, there are just two economies on the earth as the world exists: one is God’s economy where the worth of a soul is great in the sight of God, and the other economy is man’s economy where gold trumps the value of the soul. One who is “poor in spirit”, is one who sees that the soul is worth more than all the world’s economies, and therefore does not have his values as the world. His heart is not set upon the things of this world. The “poor in spirit” are the chosen of the Lord. It is stunning to think, that the children of God are like the stars in the night sky, and yet the smallest “star” (child of god) is of great worth, due to the potential that our Father in Heaven discerns in the child. The “poor in spirit” are those who have become as little children and are as believing.

Doctrine and Covenants 121:34-36

34 Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

35 Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honors of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—

36 That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:15

15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

BEATITUDE 4 *And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Denial of unpleasant truth can be a source of much sorrow. Some times we must face difficulties and afflictions, to pass through them and be strengthened by the faithful experience. Then will come the comforting blessings. We should not be mournful of those who have passed on; but, we must mourn in the joy of the resurrection. The gospel means “good tidings of great joy.” Mourning with no hope, will bring us down into the depths of sorrow, which is not mourning in the true sense of the word. There is opposition in this world, and courage to face the deeper truths will be rewarded by overcoming the world. We mourn now, but will be greatly comforted and maybe laugh in the morning of the millennial day. We should see this world in respect or in terms of the Lord’s Day. Which is a thousand years of peace and comfort and joy. If this millennial time is not a consideration in serious loss, then our mourning over lost ones will not be comforted.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:16

16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

BEATITUDE 5 *And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

The meek will not defend himself after the manner of men, but lets God defend him as he does His will. The meek solve problems by the spirit rather than using the forces of this world. The meek have the deep secure knowledge, that the Lord is over all and will repair. Sometimes the hoary aged with a life time of experience and wisdom best describes the meek. Meekness is not the weakness that comes from a lack of mental strength, but is the opposite, it is the gentleness that comes from great intelligence. The meek may have great power and strength, but only uses sufficient to effect the desired result. They do not do it just because they can, but because it should be done. The meek will know of the promises of god, and that they will be fulfilled with His rewards. It is secure personal worth.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:17-18

17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.

18 To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.

BEATITUDE 6 *And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Imagine the missionary who seeks the salvation of the proselyte, will fast and pray, to get the spirit to witness to the prospective member. Yet, this scripture is most certainly seen as applying, to ones own hunger and thirst for righteousness, which it does. Righteousness is its own foundation to build upon. Self-edification through hungering and thirsting after righteousness will create the character necessary to complete our destiny. To be filled with the Holy Ghost is the reward of this effort.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:19-20

19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;

20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

BEATITUDE 7 *And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

Without mercy no man can be saved. Jesus of Nazareth is the power behind all mercy. Each one of us is to be just as merciful to others as He is with us. But unlike the hypocrite we must hide our good works, so that the left hand knoweth not what the right hand is doing. We must not be merciful for the wrong reasons as the following scripture illustrates:

Matthew 6:1-4

1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest [thine] alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

We will see the potential of every person, if we can see them with the eyes of mercy. Also, we should give God the credit for the merciful act we do, otherwise we boast of our self as a substitute for god. We should be merciful to get mercy, but we must be merciful in secret. The Lord knows when to substitute mercy for justice and for the glory of the Father.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:21

21 And again, to some is given the working of miracles;

BEATITUDE 8 *And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Zion is where the pure in heart dwell. There is no poor among them and they are of one heart and one mind. Joseph Smith Jr. saw God. Zion is the hoped for future condition of our society. All our imagination should be drawn to this image in our minds. The ideals of Zion can give us a moral compass just as the stars at night direct the mariner to his destination.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:22

22 And to others it is given to prophesy;

BEATITUDE 9 *And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of god.*

Those who are valiant followers of Jesus are those who are the peacemakers. Every conflict, controversy, war, distress, and fear can be quelled by the words of peace and the harmony of the Spirit. The mission is peace on earth, good will to mankind.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:23
23 And to others the discerning of spirits.

BEATITUDE 10 *And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; for ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

Stand for something. Be resolute. Be strong in the face of opposition. The world will combine as the message of truth is exposed to the darkness about. And great rewards are promised, and you will be exceedingly glad. Be like the prophets who were before you. They had the courage to prophesy in difficult social conditions. Those imbued with the testimony of Jesus Christ are also, those who are speaking by the spirit of prophesy.

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

[Capitalization is not in the original scripture but was used for emphasis.]

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:24-25

24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;

25 And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

Jesus certifies the importance of these Beatitudes with the following statement in the Book of Mormon in the Book of Nephi:

3 Nephi 12:20

20 therefore come unto me and be ye saved; for verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Let us take these words to mean that by living the Ten Beatitudes, the keeping of Ten Commandments will be fulfilled. Or, all of the Beatitudes, if lived in your mind and within your heart, assures that the above quoted commandment is fulfilled? First, it is obvious that living only one beatitude is like living only one of the Ten Commandments. The law is not fulfilled by living one beatitude. Just as keeping one of the Ten Commandments does not fulfill the nine other commandments. Note the following quotation of scripture to account for this requirement, to live all the commandments to receive approval:

James 2:10-11

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

It is self evident that to be “poor in spirit” does not compensate for not being pure in heart. All of the Beatitudes aid and complement one another in making us more like Jesus. Each of the Beatitudes is a description of the attributes of Jesus Himself. All of the qualities in the Beatitudes are found in Jesus who gave the Sermon on the Mount. Is Jesus the Prince of Peace? Yes, therefore He is the Prince over Peacemakers. Jesus is the Peacemaker. Is Jesus merciful? Yes, Jesus is the source of all mercy. Is Jesus meek? Yes, Jesus is meek. Without further elaboration Jesus is the paragon of the Beatitudes. If one were to emulate Jesus by living the Beatitudes then the Ten Commandments would simply be performed through “second nature” and with ease. And we would gain entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven, or at least a higher spiritual consciousness.

Matthew 11:29

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The Yoke in part, is living Jesus sayings in His Sermon on the Mount as part of our life.

Now the questions in *fine print*:

“Does each beatitude apply to a particular commandment?” or “Will living a particular beatitude fulfill a commandment more directly?” or “Will the Ten Commandments line up the same as the Ten Beatitudes one for one?” or “Will a particular beatitude help in keeping a particular commandment, by preparing the mind and soul with the character, and the mind and heart to overcome any weakness toward this commandment?” or “Does living the Beatitudes enable us to overcome the world?” Granted living or keeping any beatitude or any commandment, will empower one to live or keep any other beatitude or any other commandment, but for the purpose of developing the pyramids, which are the thinking paradigms, which will teach us the principles of intelligence for the spiritual life; let us try something new. A mental exercise, if you will, using the scriptures and their concepts and percepts.

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PART THREE:

PAIRING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE TEN BEATITUDES

Let us now deepen the imaginative experiment upon the word by lining them up one for one, in parallel, in the order of delivery, both the law in Exodus and the Beatitudes in Third Nephi in the Book of Mormon and in the Inspired Translation of the Bible by Joseph Smith Jr. We will call the juxtaposition of one of the commandments with one of the beatitudes a pairing. Plus the gift(s) of god pertaining to each pair, which adds spiritual dimension to both. There shall be ten pairings obviously:

PAIRING ONE:

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

BEATITUDE 1 *And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:3

3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

Here again, “believe in me” vs. “believe on me”, is a testament of the resurrection and that the Son has ascended to the Father, as shown by the appearance to the survivors of the great disturbances to the earth, as recorded in the account in the Book of Mormon. Does not beatitude one fulfill directly “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” by “ye have seen me and know that I am?” Knowing and seeing either Jesus directly or indirectly by those apostles, who have seen Him, thus by seeing God in their words and service. If you are baptized in water and fire do you not fulfill the first commandment, not to have other gods before the true God? Yes. Yes also, by living this first beatitude, you will be in a place and attitude to fulfill all other commandments. And at the very least beatitude one facilitates the keeping of the first commandment of the Decalogue.

Knowledge direct or indirectly obtained is of great use and elevates man to enlightenment. To see our own Creator is like seeing the finest particles of our own existence. Would we absorb this creative force, so we can finish our own creation through this synthesis of testimony and knowledge? Should not this be that which we should hunger and thirst after? And would not this fill our soul with the desire to bring salvation to our fellow men?

If you have *seen* Me you have *seen* the Father.

John 14:9

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

Doctrine and Covenants 93:3-4

3 And that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one—

4 The Father because he gave me of his fullness, and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:13

13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.

PAIRING TWO:

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

BEATITUDE 2 *And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:partial 3-4

and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am. 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

Do we bow down and worship a prophet or an apostle or a disciple of Christ? No, but we can believe on their words and become humble, and receive the baptism of water and fire as if we had a direct witness of Jesus. If we can come to the Father and the Son through the medium of the ministry of the servants of God, then would we worship any thing in place of God? No. By setting up authorities to teach us, does not mean to make them a 'graven image' to set them up as a replacement of God. The church leaders are not substitutes or idols for our excessive admiration. But the question: "Does the beatitude two fulfill the commandment two?" Yes, by spiritually keeping the commandment two, by not substituting anything or any person, for deity, to dislocate true worship.

We can not substitute what we see here and now, before our senses, for what we know exists beyond the reaches of the senses. We must look through the veil of materiality, objective science; and experience what is greater and infinite. The problem of science is that it can not study the observer observing the facts of science, because only the observer can see within himself, and the paradigms of interpreting the information seen by the senses. Therefore, we must use judgment and faith, to make up for the missing direct experience of the unknown beyond. This is the “why,” we are here on this earth, to learn by faith rather than by sight. Yes, we are MORE BLESSED if we can come to receive the Holy Ghost, and the attending fire without a direct witness. And if we do this by our love of God, we will have shown many thousands, mercy .

The apostleship can present us a “vision” of our future; but, we must open our own eyes within to see.

See again “believe in your words “ vs. “believe on your words “ as the difference the resurrection has upon the kind of testimony the disciple will bear, and our leaning upon others to gain our own testimony. Note: the Son has ascended to the Father in the appearance to the survivors of the great disturbances to the earth in the account in the Book of Mormon. The account in the Book of Matthew was during the time of the earth life of the promised Messiah.

Hearsay is a viable means to Heaven. Indeed the word gospel means the gossip of god, or good tidings of god, or good news, depending upon how you translate the word. But the gospel is not just a rumor, it is real substance.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:14

To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

PAIRING THREE:

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

BEATITUDE 3 *Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

The “poor in spirit” are those who find the worth of a soul great and whose hearts are not set upon the things of this world, as men’s economy would measure. The “poor in spirit” would greatly value the name of the LORD, and would avoid the vain use of this sacred name. Many in ancient time conducted business by the use of oaths and swearing upon a sacredly valued entity. A “poor in spirit” is one who is not burdened by many such oaths and all like business transactions. Measuring everything with money. Those who work in gods economy will be duly called “poor in spirit.” His communications would be, yea, yea; nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. The “poor in spirit” are those who say yes, yes; no, no, rather than saying “by a kings throne,” I will do this or that. A person burdened with many oaths and covenants of the world is not “poor in spirit”. A rich man is not “poor in spirit” if he is attached to his wealth. A poor man who envies money, is not “poor in spirit” either. The mammon is not “poor in spirit”, but he is “rich in spirit.” The workers of priestcraft are not “poor in spirit” either, as they really pretend to come unto Christ for worldly motives.

Matthew 5:33-37

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time,
Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

This advice of “let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay” can also be applied to the thoughts or “let your thoughts be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay.” The name of the Lord should be thought with care and respect also. Although some can think without words, most find it convenient to think as if it were a discussion with oneself. If you have to use “Heaven”, “Earth”, “Jerusalem”, or your “Head” to enforce your thoughts you are not quiet within. Swearing is the effort of a weak mind to speak forcible, to paraphrase David O McKay. Thoughts that invoke powerful images or emotions is likewise, an evidence of a weak mind, to think resolutely or forcibly. Let your resolutions be still and quiet, and learn to proceed with determination and diligence. Imagination is more important than knowledge, to paraphrase Albert Einstein. But with all your imagining, be still, so you can gain knowledge, to paraphrase Psalms 46:10. We should school our imagination.

Perhaps the poet could best place value on the word, spoken well and in place. His imagination soars with the beautiful usage of words unfettered by the mundane, not burdened with the cares of the heart, or a mind glued to the materiality of this world’s economy. God in the last days will do as Isaiah predicted, that is:

Isaiah 13:12

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

The “golden wedge of Ophir” is reputed to be the main vein of gold in a very famous mine of great wealth, perhaps Solomon’s. The greatest value to the “poor in spirit” is the worth of a soul. The greatest worth to a mammon is gold and all it represents. The opposite of the “poor in spirit” is the mammon.

Luke 16:13

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

See APPENDIX F for an in depth discussion of Jesus' parable of the "Mammon of Unrighteousness" and the important principles concerning the administration of worldly goods.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:15

15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

PAIRING FOUR:

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

BEATITUDE 4 *And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

No work was performed on the sabbath. The dire penalty of death was prescribed for violation. But, what you could do, is to attend the synagogue and hear the word of god. Also animal sacrifice was permitted. Limited travel was possible, if not the travel to a permitted sabbath service.

Sacrament service is a mourning of Christ's body and death, as we partake of the emblems in remembrance. It is a day to do no worldly work, but the work of the Lord and to mourn our sins. It is the once a week time, we can worship the Father and celebrate the creation of this Earth. It is a day to remember Jesus and the work of His atonement for us. Today we can fulfill the sabbath day by attending sacrament meeting at church. If the sacrament service is not a memorial service, for one departed, then look at the following prayers which are an ordinance of the sacrament meeting.

Moroni 4:3

3 O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it; that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him, and keep his commandments which he hath given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

Moroni 5:2

2 O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee, in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they may do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son, which was shed for them; that they may witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they do always remember him, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

Also mourning for the world in its fallen state, readies the mind and heart, for the comforting good news that Jesus has risen from the grave. We must also rise above the denial of sobering truths. We must observe the best in life on the sabbath, and remember the atonement as comfort for this earth life in this present condition. When we mourn, we often get the clearest views of these earth conditions, because we can see with an eternal perspective. Jesus came to make all things new. Our work then is to see everything new.

The sabbath day is a day to afflict thy soul, to do no mundane work.

Leviticus 16:31

31 It [shall be] a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

Afflicting the soul should be seen as a positive attribute, if that affliction is the pains taken to read the scriptures, to take time to pray, to meditate, to fast from the comfort of food, and repent through sorrow of mind and heart over misdeeds and mistakes and even sins. This may be the best use of the sabbath day to really see, things as they really are, so we can improve our lives with the work of the Lord on His Day.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

Psalms 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I [am] God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The sabbath is a day to “be still” so we can learn. What church service would not benefit from reverent stillness? Would we not learn and hear the word of god; thus, gaining greater faith which is the basis of true learning?

Doctrine and Covenants 5:34

34 Yea, for this cause I have said: Stop, and stand still until I command thee, and I will provide means whereby thou mayest accomplish the thing which I have commanded thee.

This implies that we be watchful and observant for the expected command.

Doctrine and Covenants 101:16

16 Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion; for all flesh is in mine hands; be still and know that I am God.

Doctrine and Covenants 123:17

17 Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us cheerfully do all things that lie in our power; and then may we stand still, with the utmost assurance, to see the salvation of God, and for his arm to be revealed.

Of course we STAND STILL after we have cheerfully done all things that lie in our power to do.

If we can learn to be still, we may attract the Holy Ghost who whispers with a still small voice. If we can not be still, we will not hear Him whisper. We will miss His message in the din of our own thoughts. We must suspend worldly labors so we can see how God operates. A change may be as good as a rest.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:16

16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

PAIRING FIVE:

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

BEATITUDE 5 *And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

Both of these statements enjoin an implied promise. These are promises to those who keep and live the words spoken. Namely long days upon the land and inheritance of the earth.

It is worth noting both land and earth suggest a similarity to receiving a possession or property. Also does a meek person honor parents, or more applicable, will a meek person, by the virtue of this beatitude, fulfill this commandment? The meek are teachable persons that have gone on to greater wisdom on their own; they are teachers in turn. Where can one learn meekness? Where, in the House of the Lord. The Temple could be called the university of meekness. Also the temple teaches us of earths without number.

Doctrine and Covenants 31:9

9 Be patient in afflictions, revile not against those that revile. Govern your house in meekness, and be steadfast.

At birth, we are completely dependent upon our father and mother. To gain independence and finally continue the work of generations before us, we are obligated to pass on to our children traditions, that turn the hearts of the children to their father, and fathers turn to the hearts of their children, lest the whole earth be utterly wasted at the Lords coming. (Malachi 4:6)

Doctrine and Covenants 2:3

3 If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.

What if parents lost a child while away from home, and then discovered it while returning home at some distance? What does it mean to honor our Parents? Read below and see how Jesus grew in knowledge and wisdom to change everything.

Luke 2:45-52

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:17-18

17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.

18 To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.

PAIRING SIX:

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

BEATITUDE 6 *And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Will the righteous avoid killing? Perhaps this is obvious. (However, the hunter in times of need, such as hunger and thirst will pursue the prey, for survival will take priority.) The wisdom of the Physician is “First do no harm,” then promote healing.

Man was made in the image of God, and therefore must be esteemed as a part of creations purpose. We must learn to be constructive not destructive, to be like the Creator. Man was given his knowledge in the beginning, and therefore are agents unto themselves. This is the respect we must give our fellow beings.

Man being in the image of God is of great worth. A person who sees righteousness as a great worth, will forgo food and water to gain salvation. We send missionaries abroad to seek out the convert, with much fasting and prayer at times to bring about the conversion by the spirit. Such a spirit should be harmless to the world, and the salvation of souls will be the paramount motive. Also, they without us can not be saved. Those who are filled with the Holy Ghost, will feel the love of the Lord for all men. Such love is a remedy against the anger found in the hearts of men in these Last Days times.

Matthew 5:21-26

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Anger without a cause verse anger with a cause. We are to not only save our fellow man in this world with a temporal salvation, but seek to bring to pass the spiritual salvation and open the way to exaltation. There should never be found, that another man is the cause for damnation. This would frustrate the purpose of creation.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Creativity or life is the result of freedom. If you are consigned to prison as the result of conflict your creativity and salvation will suffer.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

If you lose your temper you lose the control of your mind, and are driven by the emotion of anger. You do not get back to reality until you regain your composure.

Joseph Smith's Translation Ephesians 4:26

26 Can ye be angry, and not sin? let not the sun go down upon your wrath;

A few last days scripture show us the importance of controlling anger to prevent the wars and even prevent rumors of wars.

2 Nephi 28:18

18 But behold, that great and abominable church, the whore of all the earth, must tumble to the earth, and great must be the fall thereof.

(John the Revelator gives us the identity of the above type of whore of all the earth:

Revelation 17:18

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.)

2 Nephi 28:19-20

19 For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger, and perish;

20 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

To hunger and thirst after righteousness will do much to assuage anger in the last days. Let us not participate in the anger against that which is good. Anger will reduce the ability to deal with problems creatively. Creative emotion is the opposite of the destructive emotion of anger. We must be missionaries and stir up our fellow neighbors to repentance, and encourage them to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:19-20

19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;

20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

PAIRING SEVEN:

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

BEATITUDE 7 *And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

The compassionately merciful person would be less likely to require a sign to prove a spiritual principle or truth, or break a marriage vow. Of course the type of mercy, and the depth of mercy we are describing, is the mercy found in Jesus the Messiah.

Charity is another dimension of mercy. Mercy comes from the love of God.

The acts of charity that one ministers to the fatherless and widowed, will be returned if done in love. Those who are merciful to their fellow men will obtain mercy from God. Charity never faileth.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:35

35 That which breaketh a law, and abideth not by law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willeth to abide in sin, and altogether abideth in sin, cannot be sanctified by law, neither by mercy, justice, nor judgment. Therefore, they must remain filthy still.

Sometimes the only way out of the plight of sexual sin is through mercy after sore repentance. Yet the merciful will obtain mercy. The hope here is, that the merciful will not be tempted from the chaste life, for they will be strengthened by God's mercy. The merciful should be empathic, sympathetic and understands the real worth of a soul. Mercy is the garnishment of justice.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:21

21 And again, to some is given the working of miracles;

PAIRING EIGHT:

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

BEATITUDE 8 *And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Would anyone steal, even an idea from their neighbor, if they were pure in heart? Also Zion is where the pure in heart dwell. And if there is no poor among the people of Zion, what motivation is there to steal?

Doctrine and Covenants 97:21

21 Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion—THE PURE IN HEART; therefore, let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn.

Moses 7:18

18 And the Lord called his people ZION, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them.

A thief will lose the exercise of the imagination, the vision and the creativity of the honest man's effort. The major focus of his effort will be to stay hidden, and remain undiscovered in the act of stealing.

We must trace back to the original owner of any property, to see the one who first staked a claim on the earthly or heavenly property. Does not God own all, and should not we acknowledge Him in all reverence? This establishes the structure of ownership of anything, in our thoughts, through imagination.

Being agents of free will, we must also trace back to the emergence of any idea, to validate the ownership and origination of that notion or idea. If, we do not know the idea came from the Holy Ghost, then maybe it came from our own realization of the truth, because of the spirit of Christ. Otherwise, we could not know the origination of ideas in our own mind. Who owns the ideas that inhabit our own mind? How can we detect the beginning of such ideas? Who owns the ideas that come into our thoughts? Is it virtuous to steal thoughts from others? Are ideas free? If we know the ownership of even the ideas in

our own mind, does this give respect to the intellectual property of others? Does the commandment “thou shalt not steal” extend to even intellectual property? Why do we copyright, patent, legally protect ideas?

Do the pure in heart steal anything?

How are the pure in heart of one heart and of one mind, if they do not respect the ownership of the ideas of others? We should celebrate the inventions, ideas, creations, achievements, degrees, accolades of one another with gladness.

Luke 15:8-9

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find [it]?

9 And when she hath found [it], she calleth [her] friends and [her] neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:22

22 And to others it is given to prophesy;

PAIRING NINE:

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

BEATITUDE 9 *And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Jesus, also proclaimed, “I am the Truth”. In fact Jesus personifies the truth. When we set Jesus as the example, we immediately see that the peacemakers witness truth. Getting people to see the here and now realities, and the realities that are to come, is the beginning of peace. Conflicting histories will bring war, for they will see current conditions differently. History acts as a paradigm to see the present. The job of a peacemaker is to create a paradigm, that enables the conflicting factions to see the truth with accord. To observe the “here and now” in peace, one needs a common history and a common future. The commandment not to

bear false witness against your neighbor is fulfilled, as a peacemaker intent is to bring conflicting enemies to see the common truth. If you can bring warring factions to a witness of truth, it will not only bring peace, you will satisfy the ninth commandment. Also a peacemaker will not bear false witness against his enemies. No peace is ever founded upon lies and lasted any useful time. A peacemaker appears to be greater than a true witness to a neighbor. He is seen a true witness in the eyes of enemies. Does peacemaking fulfill the commandment? Yes.

A peacemaker must be selfless, such that no personal interest or bias should be discerned by the conflicting parties. Complete sincerity and power, to state the conditions of the treaty, or compromises, or advantages, is also a requirement. All agreements must be mutually approved in a win-win presentation. At the bottom of all this is truth, especially knowledge of things as they were, as they are, and as they are to come. Every lie not only weakens our ability to tell the truth, lies make our ability to discern the truth problematic. Have you ever felt the peace of mind come to you, when a truth long held from you, finally comes to mind? Truth heals. Peace heals.

*Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:23
23 And to others the discerning of spirits*

PAIRING TEN:

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

BEATITUDE 10 *And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

“Name’s sake” can mean reputation and/or priesthood. Stand for the Word and be resolute in Christ, and not the false traditions of man. Most persecutions come as false traditions are challenged. A person of agency can withstand the buffetings coming from a persecuting society, as it’s social pressure is exerted, to bring one in to compliance with it’s mores or lack thereof. A covetous person is subject to social values and status, so he always seeks to obtain his neighbor’s things or possessions, if he wants to excel he thinks he must covet the things of others.

Reputation based upon incorrect traditions and false mores, will distort true worth at the personal level or “personal worth.” If you are sure of your own worth and lot in life, will you seek others position or property? A covetous person can be bought as his heart is fixed upon things. A covetous person can be extorted and pressured, by those who possess the coveted things. All money is based upon coveting things. Those who can stand true to the name of Jesus made at the sacrament table, or has the character to remain true, to the greater testimony of knowing the Savior’s love, will not covet the drop. Standing true to the worth of souls by following Jesus, will absolve us of petty covetousness. (Where do you retreat “to not covet anything” but in complete unselfishness.)

Covetousness is restrictive to free will and moral agency, as what we do not have will dictate our desires. Also the disrespect for the property of others will break down civilization. “The respect of another’s rights, is peace” proclaimed Benito Juarez. Contentment with ones own beginnings in life is being real, and is a sensible inventory of resources to progress to great rewards of joy and gladness. Besides the “grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence.” (Self-sufficiency and self-reliance is the watch word here.)

Doctrine and Covenants 117:8

8 Is there not room enough on the mountains of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and on the plains of Olaha Shinehah, or the land where Adam dwelt, that you should covet that which is but the drop, and neglect the more weighty matters?

The DROP is the Lord’s view of the value of worldly possessions.

Matthew 23:23

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier [matters] of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Covet the best gifts such as lawfulness, judgment, mercy, faith etc.

1 Corinthians 12:28-29

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Should we covet to be an apostle? Let us see Paul's answer to this kind of question next:

29 [Are] all apostles? [are] all prophets? [are] all teachers? [are] all workers of miracles?

1 Corinthians 12:30

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

Joseph Smith Translation of 1 Corinthians 12:31

31 I say unto you, Nay; for I have shown unto you a more excellent way, therefore covet earnestly the best gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual [gifts], but rather that ye may prophesy.

By coveting the best gifts one will obtain an agency based upon spiritual values. Those who stand in holy places will not covet the foolish things that weaken self-confidence and testimony.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:24-25

24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;
25 And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

PART FOUR:

FOLDING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments created a peculiar people and unique culture. Jesus was born into this culture, framed by the people who lived under this code or law. It is most useful to see the Masters reply, as to the importance and value of the Ten Commandments.

Matthew 22:35-40

35 Then one of them, [which was] a lawyer, asked [him a question], tempting him, and saying.

36 Master, which [is] the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The above declaration of Jesus that there are two great commandments give us the opportunity to “hang” the Ten Commandments into the “first and great” and the “second like unto it.” We shall fold the Ten Commandments as follows:

First five commandments of love with reverence to deity to be listed next.

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

Second five commandments of love with respect to mankind listed next.

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

(See APPENDIX E for additional reasons for folding the Ten Commandments.)

THE FIVE PARTNERSHIPS OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We should not assume preferred commandments; but, we are required to keep them all. Nevertheless, what if it is easier to keep one commandment, because you are already keeping another commandment that supports the one. Perhaps by keeping them all, it makes all the individual commandments easier to keep. Note: all the prophets and commandments hang upon the two great commandments of love God and love thy neighbor.

But, it is evident from the preceding summary of the Ten Commandments, they can be folded into two classes of commandments. The first set, tell us how to relate to deity, especially if one accepts Our Father in Heaven in place of our earthly parents. Jesus taught us to pray by addressing God as “Our Father who art in heaven.” Respecting our earthly parents with honor, is like unto this reverence to The Father. Second set, tells us how to interact with our fellow man and neighbors.

We shall call the set of commandments relating to God as MODELS, meaning in part ideals, by convention.

The first models or ideals of reverence to deity are:

(Melchizedec level of commandments or the more spiritual commandments.)

We shall call the next set of commandments relating to man as MODALS, and they define to us modes of behavior by our convention.

The second modals of behavior to man are:

(Aaronic level of commandments or the more temporal commandments.)

These commandments pertain to our neighbors and describe what we are to do in certain situations. The partnership is between the spiritual to temporal levels. Or MODELS or IDEALS vs. “MODES OF BEHAVIOR” or MODES (for short).

Now there are partnerships of the preceding models and modes, that are important in their implications and association.

COMMANDMENT PARTNERSHIP ONE

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 9:6

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

As can be seen, man is a creature of God and God is the creator of mankind; therefore, we can respect God by not taking the life of one of his creatures.

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

These scriptures give assurance that these two great commandments make a nice partnership for the second set is 'like unto it'.

COMMANDMENT PARTNERSHIP TWO

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Fornication is adoration of Idols.

Matthew 5:32

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Examples of the association of idolatry with fornication.

1 Corinthians 10:7-8

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as [were] some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

How did twenty thousand commit fornication, if fornication only refers to sexual sin?

Revelation 2:14

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Revelation 19:2

2 For true and righteous [are] his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

The scriptures nearly everywhere compare idolatry with adultery and sufficiently associated them at the present to establish this partnership.

COMMANDMENT PARTNERSHIP THREE

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

List of scriptures that associate the above two commandments as partners:

Proverbs 30:9

9 Lest I be full, and deny [thee], and say, Who [is] the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God [in vain].

The poor will steal, and take the name of the Lord in vain.

Jeremiah 23:30

30 Therefore, behold, I [am] against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

Steal words. Did they have copyrights or patents in that day?

Zechariah 5:3

3 Then said he unto me, This [is] the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off [as] on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off [as] on that side according to it.

Matthew 6:19-21

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Obviously, we should treasure the name of the Lord in our hearts, in the reflections of our imagination. (**TAKE** in Hebrew means carry, bear, endure, lift, suffer) Again notice the reference “take the name” does not say “speak the name” which if substituted would render the commandment as thus:

EXAMPLE OF ALTERED COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not SPEAK the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that SPEAKETH his name in vain. We should speak this name in reverence.*

Also the name of the Lord was taken to affirm a business contract, so there was an assurance that the terms of the contract would be fulfilled. If one broke the contract it is the same as stealing, and could be associated to the forswearing party.

Knowing the two renditions, let us contrast the true meaning that was referred to by Jesus in the verses in the Sermon on the Mount as follows:

Matthew 5:33-37

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Contracts that are base upon oaths, penalties though effective, do not build the trust that facilitates good business. What kind of economy would we have, if we ran to a lawyer for every business transaction?

In ancient days the business dealings were affirmed by contracts, made under sacred names through forswearing.

COMMANDMENT PARTNERSHIP FOUR

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

If Christ can be considered our neighbor, then the sacrament prayers alone will establish this partnership. Reviewing the sabbath day observance.

Psalms 92:1

1 A Psalm [or] Song for the sabbath day. [It is a] good [thing] to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

Sabbath is a day of song, thankfulness and praise to the Most High.

Mark 1:21

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Sabbath is a day of teaching or to be taught.

Mark 2:27

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Sabbath is to benefit man and his family.

Mark 2:28

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Sabbath is a day of Priesthood.

Mark 6:2

2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing [him] were astonished, saying, From whence hath this [man] these things? and what wisdom [is] this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

And yet he bare a true witness to his neighbors.

Luke 4:16 -19

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Sabbath is a day of reading scriptures and hearing scriptures.

Luke 4:31

31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

If you worked on the sabbath you could die, but witnessing and teaching and singing and reading and studying and preaching and talking and conversing, was the purpose of the sabbath to do good works in truth.

COMMANDMENT PARTNERSHIP FIVE

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

We have to be satisfied with the possessions that our parents have passed on to us. To be real, we will not be regretting the “hand God has dealt us” through our parents. By this we do honor them, showing that we are grateful for the inheritance that we have been given of them.

1 Corinthians 14:39

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

We are to covet to prophesy! We are to seek prophecy!

Luke 12:15

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Admonition to not desire the possessions even though great is the extent.

1 Corinthians 12:31

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Are we to covet earnestly the best gifts? Spiritual gifts are those possessions, we can take to the next life. Evidently, we should not covet or set our hearts upon the things, that will not take us to the world to come. The following verses in the Doctrine and Covenants, explain what benefit there is in seeking the “best gifts” or principles of intelligence. It is by diligence and obedience, we gain the knowledge and intelligence of best gifts.

Doctrine and Covenants 130:18-19

18 Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.

19 And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

The scripture verse that follows is strikingly similar to the fifth commandment to honor thy father and thy mother “that thy days may be long.” And so we are to avoid covetousness of possessions to prolong our days also.

Proverbs 28:16

16 The prince that wanteth understanding [is] also a great oppressor: [but] he that hateth covetousness shall prolong [his] days.

We can safely partner these two commandments, for a child that does not covet the things beyond righteous gifts of God, is a joy to his parents.

We have folded the Ten Commandments into five partners, and because of the pairing of the Ten Commandments with Ten Beatitudes, we will also fold the Ten Beatitudes in like synthesis.

FOLDING THE BEATITUDES

THE FIVE PARTNERSHIPS OF THE TEN BEATITUDES

BEATITUDE PARTNERSHIP ONE

BEATITUDE 1 *And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:3

3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

BEATITUDE 6 *And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Can you see that the results of these two beatitudes are the same, namely: “being baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost,” and “being filled with the Holy Ghost.” Here definitely is a complement of beatitude one with beatitude six, as they make possible the fire in beatitude one. Personal righteousness (worthiness) is required for personal witness.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:13

13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:19-20

19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;

20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

BEATITUDE PARTNERSHIP TWO

BEATITUDE 2 *And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:partial 3-4

and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am. 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

BEATITUDE 7 *And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

Results are similar, receiving a remission of sins versus obtaining mercy. They also describe the obligation of the authorities to administer the gospel; they are required to be merciful, and prepare the people and themselves, for forgiveness.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:14

14 To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:21

And again, to some is given the working of miracles;

BEATITUDE PARTNERSHIP THREE

BEATITUDE 3 *Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

BEATITUDE 8 *And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Zion and the Kingdom of Heaven will be the result of these two beatitudes, those who are “poor in spirit” see the worth of souls, and the “pure in heart” are citizens of Zion, where they are of “one mind and one spirit,” and there is “no poor among them,” and their God is in the midst of them. The people of Zion are “poor in spirit” as they have all things in common. This partnership is complementary as it describes the “worthy believer.”

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:15

15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:22

22 And to others it is given to prophesy;

BEATITUDE PARTNERSHIP FOUR

BEATITUDE 4 *And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

BEATITUDE 9 *And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

The complement here is the comfort and peace that comes from the good news, that the WORD and PRINCE OF PEACE made possible, for we will see one another in the morning of the resurrection from the dead. In this world we mourn because of war and conflict, yet the peacemakers, whose feet are beautiful on mount Zion, will comfort us with the promise of millennial peace. One thousand years of peace.

Isaiah 52:7-9

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

Those that have mourned will sing and be comforted, for the Prince of Peace has redeemed His people. We wait for Him to return for the one thousand years of peace.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:16

16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:23

23 And to others the discerning of spirits.

BEATITUDE PARTNERSHIP FIVE

BEATITUDE 5 *And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

BEATITUDE 10 *And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

In persecution we are required to not return reviling or return persecution, but to be a steady witness of Jesus Christ, who is our example of meekness and lowliness. Again great rewards of joy and gladness, and the inheritance of the Earth, not as a tomb, but as the kingdom of heaven which is the hope of Israel.

Doctrine and Covenants 45:32

32 But my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die.

Could it be that we will learn meekness in the holy places?

Doctrine and Covenants 124:39

39 Therefore, verily I say unto you, that your anointings, and your washings, and your baptisms for the dead, and your solemn assemblies, and your memorials for your sacrifices by the sons of Levi, and for your oracles in your most holy places wherein you receive conversations, and your statutes and judgments, for the beginning of the revelations and foundation of Zion, and for the glory, honor, and endowment of all her municipalities, are ordained by the ordinance of my holy house, which my people are always commanded to build unto my holy name.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:17-18

17 *And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.*

18 *To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.*

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:24-25

24 *And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;*

25 *And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.*

PART FIVE:

CONSTRUCTING THE PYRAMIDS

We have five partnerships of the Ten Commandments and five partnerships of the Ten Beatitudes and ten pairings between the Beatitudes and Decalogue, we shall now match up the partners and the pairings to form the cornerstones of the Pyramids of God. We have enough to lay the foundation for the Pyramids of God or paradigms.

But first a few comments about the characteristics of pyramids for review. First the word pyramid is not mentioned in the scriptures of the four standard works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint. Yet, there are pyramids in United States of America, Mexico, Central and South America, Egypt, and many other places in the world. There will be no attempt in this treatise to explain their building, or purposes. Rather than using the word paradigm in this treatise, the word pyramid is used to be a synonym for Paradigm even though, there may be some geometry to the mental visualization of pyramids.

Any relation to the many pyramids found throughout the world should not be construed or connected to some ancient or surviving modern cult or society. Our reference to the pyramid is for a convenience, and is used as a model of thought, or a paradigm, if you will. If however, there is a relevant connection to the mystery of the pyramids' origin and structure, then well enough.

A pyramid has a square as a foundation. Also it's sides are four triangles meeting at the top to form the eye or peak. This peak is a point of perspective and can be referred to as the "eye" of the pyramid. (The pyramid found on the dollar bill is merely coincidental to this writing.) If there is a hidden meaning to this symbol, do not be looking for it in this treatment of the scriptures. If there is a connection, the authors see this as perhaps, a parallel development and not a continuation of some mystery. More on the geometry of the pyramid as a physical object:

With the pyramid formed from five planes, four triangular planes and one rectangular plane at the base which was designated as the foundation. There are four corners of three intersecting lines. There is one corner or peak of four intersecting lines. There are eight edges or lines. Four of these lines are on the base and four are the four sides that rise to the peak. This is a description of the geometric form of the pyramid, but not to worry, if you were not good in geometry, we are building mental paradigms.

In Teotihuacan Mexico, the pyramids are identified with such names as the Pyramid of the Sun, the Pyramid of the Moon. So to distinguish each particular pyramid to be constructed, we give them a name and a number to help us remember them. If numbers are not easy for your memory, the names given to the pyramids will designate, a basic underlying theme in the scriptures, reflecting light and truth.

Another property of the pyramid, as a physical structure, is that as each layer is put down, that layer is a foundation for the layer above. Only in each layer there are less bricks or stones, as each layer rises to the peak or eye. At the very top or eye there is only one stone, where the four edges intersect. This represents metaphorically, that the details below converge to one general principle or concept at the top. Or, as the structure rises less stones are put down in that layer, till there is only one object at the top, which is the eye. In this pattern of generalization or specification as you may view it, something is unified as the structure rises to the top. It may be seen then, that as the pyramid we are building out of the Commandments and the Beatitudes rise, there is one general principle that remains at the eye, or the highest mental or spiritual principle which is termed as an eye. This eye will have a perspective that perpetuates the “observer effect” or in some case the “observer affect.” Even though the pyramid just described is a geometric figure of three dimensions, the pyramids hereafter created in this treatise are metaphors and components, of an overall paradigm, for gaining a view, and/or, a thinking system, to study in our minds a prospect, a problem, a research, a review, a scripture etc., to ask in the spirit of prayer for the burning or the stupor, which goes with spiritual inquiry.

These mental pyramids will be essentially the paradigms of light and truth. They consist of four components of two commandments and of two beatitudes, to form the four cornerstones of the foundation of the pyramid, or in other words the foundation of the scriptural paradigm. Now to make the Pyramids of God we will arrange the above two sets of partners and pairings into cornerstones of the pyramids as follows:

We shall place the commandments with the beatitudes to form the base of the pyramid. Thus a pyramid consists of two pairings and two partnerships, that will match up forming a quadrant. The four cornerstones of the base of the triangles, form the supporting plane of a four sided rectangle, which we will call the foundation. However each layer is the foundation of the layer above.

The commandment partnership of the quadrant is “left brained” or temporal. The beatitude partnership of the quadrant is “right brained” or spiritual, and they are creatively connected rather than logically connected. And the upper pairing is model and the lower pairing is modal. Or, in church terms, the upper pairing is Melchizedec level and the lower pairing is Aaronic level.

It may help to visualize these ideas with the “left brain” metaphor, or “right brain” metaphor, for example: Commandments are “left brained,” and the Beatitudes are “right brained,” though not strictly so. Later such mental devices are not needed as the pyramid metaphors develop themselves.

We will start from the bottom or lowest pyramid which is FIVE, and work our way to the highest pyramid which is ZERO. Thus, we start with pyramid FIVE, as it itself is a foundation to all the rest of the pyramids, as seen from a more temporal perspective.

Each pair of gifts associated at the end of each Pyramid empowers the Eye of the respective Pyramid. The gifts are part of the Pyramid. At the end of each Pyramid Construct is the part of the Sermon on the Mount that is thematic to each corresponding Pyramid.

PYRAMID FIVE AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Partnerships FIVE and pairings FIVE and TEN are cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid.

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

BEATITUDE 5 *And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

BEATITUDE 10 *And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

Honor lengthens life and therefore our views of the future.

Meekness is powerful enough to overcome all the forces of this world to possess the Earth. God is meek and has many worlds and earths.

Seeking earnestly the best gifts will prepare us for the future world to come.

Mettle and integrity will get us through the troubles of the day for the better Day of the Lord.

Each of these commandments and beatitudes reflect the promise of rewards, land, the earth itself and being content with your own property and reward rather than your neighbors lot in life. Seek the best gifts or rewards.

Proper Self-Esteem is employed here.

COMMANDMENT 5 CORNERSTONE OF HONOR

Let us look at our grand genealogy.

If we honor our father and mother our days will be long upon the land the Lord thy God “giveth thee.” If our parents have honored their Father and Mother, they obtained the same promise. And if our parents honor their parents, they will obtain the same land. If this continues back in time to each parent, we will eventually come to Adam and Eve, we will see the same promise was extended there also. Now Adam and Eve must have honored their parents, to also obtain a promise, and Adam’s parents may not have lived upon this Earth, but were on another Earth like this one, and so the honor continues back in time and eternity, till the very first parents, speaking metaphorically.

Thus, we have a perpetual promise, that honoring parents forwards promises to the future generations, our children and grand children to the greatest generation, will receive the promise of a long life and land to be given. We see the importance of genealogy, and records, and memory, and journals, and any means, by which previous generations hand down inheritance, or that which is pass down through the race of mankind. We learn this is a first commandment (meaning principle) with promise from Paul in the following verse:

Ephesians 6:2

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

If we had no memory nor honor, the family line will be lost in the world of difficulties we experience here. Indeed the mental and spiritual principle upon all, that this is based, is the ability of man to retain memories and ideas from the history of the past. But we only know of the most recent past, and what happened on the earths before this one is not revealed to us, except in the way that this earth is typical of those previous creations. Nevertheless, what was done there, may repeat itself on this Earth again like unto these other worlds, where the first man of all men (for each world) have been called Adam.

Moses 1:34-35

34 And the first man of all men have I called Adam, which is many.

35 But only an account of this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, give I unto you. For behold, there are many worlds that have passed away by the word of my power. And there are many that now stand, and innumerable are they unto man; but all things are numbered unto me, for they are mine and I know them.

A correct version of history that gives a true account of the origin of the family of man, will prevent us from being misled by the false histories used to deceive the populace of the earth. Tradition is so powerful, that people will follow it with such compliance, it is remarkable. Therefore, it is crucial to have a correct view of where we came from, to know best to choose where we could go. Satan will use history, false honor to take light and truth from the inhabitants of this earth, as the following scripture portrays:

Doctrine and Covenants 93:39

39 And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers.

In all your honoring of the previous generation, take that honor all the way back to the deep truths of the gospel, and the true account of the creation of man. Let these be the memories that guide your decisions to the future. Let our memories lead and point us to light and truth.

BEATITUDE 5 CORNERSTONE OF MEEKNESS

“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.” As we examine this state of blessedness again, let us see it through the eyes of the “principles of intelligence.” Anything that will be able to give us the earth, and to fulfill its promise of the honor towards parents, is a power and a virtue that will overcome all worldly powers. This suggest that this attribute of righteousness, is a great power to overcome the forces of this world. Those who are meek will not use brute force to accomplish their possession of the earth, but will use the powers greater than themselves to work this work. The meek are not weak as the saying goes, for they do not retaliate nor do they

harbor vengeance; rather, when put upon, they let God defend them in their lives. This will require great trust in God.

Therefore meekness may be synonymous to trust in unseen great power, to accomplish their work. Pride is not a part of meekness. A prideful person will think that he himself is the power, not realizing that all power comes from God. A meek person is a person who honors those due honor, by second nature. Meekness is the honor that we give to God, because he is Our Heavenly Father. In this honor, we should have open to view the promises made to Abraham, that pertain to the sands of the seashore, and the stars of the Heaven, in respect of the number of children we shall have; due to the covenants given to man, in the marriage sealing by the Holy Spirit of Promise. Therefore, anyone who has participated with the Holy Spirit of Promise, is made meek by the great potential we have in the hereafter, for the eternal family.

A meek person acts spiritually instead of reacts physically.

COMMANDMENT 10 CORNERSTONE OF COVET TO PROPHECY

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Here we avoid coveting the possession of our neighbors. By so doing we foster a giving nature of gratefulness. We develop self-esteem and personal worth, rather than reacting to the possessions of our neighbors. It is being proactive rather than reactive. How did our neighbor get all the possessions in the first place? Did they receive an inheritance? Did they earn it from endeavor? Were they blessed with a talent to acquire wealth, property, power? What history brought the neighbor's possessions to your immediate concern?

Who owns the earth anyway? If we go back to Adam, we see he was given dominion over all, on the earth and could give names to all the creatures. Now from Adam downward, we can see how all received the possessions attributed to them. But today who is really possessing anything? Are we not all renters on this earth? This is the tenuous reality that we inherit from history.

We should rather earnestly covet the gifts of God and more specifically to prophesy. By so doing, we foster an elevated nature of spirituality. Let us look to the future and see, who will eventually inherit all the earths possessions. We live a few years and fall to the earth, like nearly all the children of Adam. But we are children of God and we need to attain principles of intelligence, to keep them in the world to come. Steadily we should be seeking the world to come, as God rescues us from the conspiracies of men.

Doctrine and Covenants 130:18

18 Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.

BEATITUDE 10 CORNERSTONE OF STEADFASTNESS IN TESTIMONY

Blessed are the persecuted . . . for My name’s sake, My sake By standing for truth and defending the faith persecutions come as false traditions are challenged. A person of moral agency will withstand the buffetings of a disturbed society. Think how a testimony will point our minds to look forward to the brighter day, when the Lord returns to set up His Kingdom for a world at rest. A person of faint heart may not be able to stand for truth and not falter. The disobedient will attempt to quell your testimony as it strikes to their heart. Their conscience is pricked with regrets and ungodly sorrow, else they would repent at your testimony.

Challenging the mores of a people will bring a reaction. Nevertheless still choose the right. (Mores are: customs, traditions enforced by law.) You can not change peoples past, but you can show them a brighter future. Let them begin to see heaven through your testimony and example. Don’t let history and the past adversely affect your spirit of prophecy.

Also concerning coveting “seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.” Suffering persecution in behalf of the future Kingdom can be a reward in itself.

Matthew 10:16

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:17-18

17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.

18 To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:24-25

24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;

25 And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of the past and its promises. Three of the cornerstones of its foundation directly refer to rewards and inheritances, as a promise for obedience and integrity. The peak or point of this pyramid has a scaffolding effect to our lives, and is identified as the “EYE OF THE CHRYSALIS”:

Eye of the Chrysalis

(That is: promises, gifts, transformation, self-actualization, self-transcendence, baptism)

Cornerstones of the foundation of the pyramid are: honor, meekness, covet to prophesy, steadfastness.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- scaffolding
- framing
- memory
- influence of the past upon man
- tradition
- inheritance
- the knowledge of things as they were
- the past
- history
- journals
- genealogy
- promised rewards
- ancient prophecies

Law of obedience is the transforming principle at the center of this pyramid.

Pyramid FIVE will be also be referred by the name of:

PYRAMID OF PERSONAL WORTH

Associated Sermon at the Temple Theme 3 Nephi 12:1-48 Book of Mormon

1 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.

2 And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am.

Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

3 Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.

7 And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

8 And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

10 And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;

12 For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

13 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the salt of the earth; but if the salt shall lose its savor wherewith shall the earth be salted?

The salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of this people.

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel?

Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house;

16 Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets.

I am not come to destroy but to fulfil;

18 For verily I say unto you, one jot nor tittle hath not passed away from the law, but in me it hath all been fulfilled.

19 And behold, I have given you the law and the commandments of my Father, that ye shall believe in me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Behold, ye have the commandments before you, and the law is fulfilled.

20 Therefore come unto me and be ye saved; for verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, and it is also written before you, that thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment of God;

22 But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of his judgment.

And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore, if ye shall come unto me, or shall desire to come unto me, and rememberest that thy brother hast aught against thee--

24 Go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come unto me with full purpose of heart, and I will receive you.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him, lest at any time he shall get thee, and thou shalt be cast into prison.

26 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost senine.

And while ye are in prison can ye pay even one senine?

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Nay.

27 Behold, it is written by them of old time, that thou shalt not commit adultery;

28 But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman, to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart.

29 Behold, I give unto you a commandment, that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart;

30 For it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things, wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been written, that whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.

32 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whoso shall marry her who is divorced committeth adultery.

33 And again it is written, thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;

34 But verily, verily, I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

35 Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool;

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair black or white;

37 But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever cometh of more than these is evil.

38 And behold, it is written, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;

39 But I say unto you, that ye shall not resist evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also;

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also;

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away.

43 And behold it is written also, that thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy;

44 But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good.

46 Therefore those things which were of old time, which were under the law, in me are all fulfilled.

47 Old things are done away, and all things have become new.

48 Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

PYRAMID FOUR AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Partnerships FOUR and Pairings FOUR and NINE are cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid.

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

BEATITUDE 4 *And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

BEATITUDE 9 *And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

Work for worldly pursuits should be suspended in favor of the work that is for the earth that is to come. We should celebrate the creation of this earth. We know this earth will be change into a celestial orb, that will be like a Urim and Thummin to its inhabitants. The sabbath day was a day of teaching, preaching, study, attending the Synagogue and attending a funeral (the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the earth). The sabbath was a day of sacrifice by the priest. It was a day to realize that all we see, was made by the invisible god. We realize that much is beyond our mortal sight. Denial of truth or hard realities, often prevents us from seeing things as they are. We must see this veil of tears in the light of the atonement, in order for the harsh realities not to discourage us. We may have many set backs in life until we achieve our goals. Mourning does not mean these set backs paralyze us, but they should strengthen us.

Doctrine and Covenants 103:12

12 For after much tribulation, as I have said unto you in a former commandment, cometh the blessing.

To tell the truth is the best preparation to see the truth. Sacrifice of the temptation to tell other than the truth is a prerequisite.

Peaceful surroundings that do not distract us from the essence of reality, are also conducive to seeing “things as they are” or as they continue into the future. A peacemaker then can create his own peaceful surroundings, if it does not avail itself. Joseph Smith in the jail at Liberty, Missouri made the Liberty Jail a temple. Consider the revelations received in these conditions. (See History of the Church 3:289-303.)

COMMANDMENT 4 CORNERSTONE OF HOLY WORSHIP

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Each seventh day, there is a time to change the way you relate to the time given you. It is in honor of the six days of creation by which the earth came into its present state. One must be aware of the passage of time. Calendars and other time keeping mechanism are required. Or one has to mark a tree or rock with the passages of time each day. The sun and the moon have been natural time keeping methods. A moon is nearly a month and is sufficient for most purposes since ancient times.

Today the watch and computer track time for us in exact precision. Perhaps “Remember” as part of this commandment may be referring to more than memory, which is part of our brain and consciousness. Scheduling our activities ensures that we can “remember the sabbath” on the proper day. Also we have to coordinate calendars and watches, so every one is synchronized to meet at the same time. This all bespeaks of organization, to get every one ready to meet, to gauge their activities in the PRESENT relative to one another, for the future day of the sabbath.

Holy refers to separate business from our thoughts so it does not dominate over the activities of the day. Business concerns are best put in the drawer to be taken out monday morning. It specifies that six days are business then one day is for the Lord’s designations. Change is as good as a rest. The day of rest is for thinking, preaching, praying, fasting, visiting, family, journals and all things conducive to spiritual growth of oneself and others.

It appears to be a day to revere the creation of this earth and the grand organization that it is. It said the LORD made the heaven and the earth, grateful remembrance on this day should reflect upon what God made and what is coming, not what man may entertain you with

BEATITUDE 4 CORNERSTONE OF MOURNFULNESS

“Blessed are they who **WEEP NOW**; for they shall **LAUGH**.” see Luke 6:21, or from Matthew 5:4 “blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Although laughter and a sense of humor are necessary elements to learning from things around us in current circumstances; so also necessary is the sober mind, which often comes from the gravity of the things of this world. This earth life is temporary in almost all respects, yet in the eternal perspective, the gospel affords many serious matters that may become a possible laughing matter. The **WOES** that are listed in the Luke version of the Beatitudes, as cited next page, will reinforce the technique of mourning as a way of seeing the present conditions in this world.

For keeping things in perspective see the verses 24 through 26. This states the Beatitudes are not to be taken lightly, but defines true blessedness. Therefore, the opposite of mourning is to be supercilious.

Sometimes mournfulness is compared to being humbled by the temporary nature of this world.

The below “weep now” may be referenced as mourning; but yet, it is rendered weep.

Now the opposite of blessedness is dealt to us as **woes** in the remaining scriptures from Luke.

Woe to those who laugh now. Does this mean the joy of this world will come down with you as the world falls with “Spiritual Babylon?” Apparently the rich (as to the things of this world) will not see what the “poor in spirit” are promised.

Here is the Luke version of some of the Beatitudes for our research:

Joseph Smith's Translation Luke 6:20-26

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed are the poor; for theirs is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are they who hunger now; for they shall be filled. Blessed are they who **weep now**; for they shall laugh.

22 Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from among them, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold your reward shall be great in heaven; for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But **woe** unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25 **Woe** unto you who are full! For ye shall hunger. Woe unto you who laugh now! For ye shall mourn and weep.

26 **Woe** unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Perhaps this will clarify the meaning of blessedness, if each “woe” is more deeply understood. Although love is a lasting teacher, *pain is an instant teacher*.

Doctrine and Covenants 58:27-28

27 Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;

28 For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves.

And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

Let us keep our free will and agency in all our veneration of the past. We must retain the view of promised rewards in our obedience. But we must not lose our free will and agency with the false promises of security. Traditions, that do not build moral agency for the future, must be reexamined and transformed.

Doctrine and Covenants 93:39-40

39 And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers.

40 But I have commanded you to bring up your children in light and truth.

Disobedience is a cause for mourning for parents when their children go astray.

COMMANDMENT 9 CORNERSTONE OF WITNESSING

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Does this mean that we should lie to our enemies? Little information is given to guide us, on telling the truth to our enemies. Maybe the advice here is to say nothing. Often the enemy can detect information from the lies or stories that are told, which are intended to deflect the enemy from the endangering information. Yet at the root of this commandment is WITNESSING.

What are we to witness then? If we know something that our neighbors need to know to live better, do we withhold it, thinking it is not bearing false witness? What are the things we could have said to make things better, more peaceful?

Bearing witness of the truth to the world is the duty of a missionary. To bear testimony of the Gospel to the world, will be the means of peace and harmony to all. Who could argue that the teachings of Jesus if lived well, will not lift the world from conflict and controversy and discord. But before we can testify, we must first get the experiences to witness.

BEATITUDE 9 CORNERSTONE OF PEACEMAKING

How can any one bring peace, if the opposing forces are not addressed and confronted? Of course, one should pick key battles and not waste time getting into time traps. The following scripture will then be good advice:

1 Timothy 6:20

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Nevertheless, one should in research seek out controversy and points of opposition to be studied. Also, if you can anticipate trouble or dispute, before they get out of control, this is a good place to begin scanning the present conditions to start an ongoing study. If there were no opposition in this world, would there be peace? Let us read Lehi's answer:

2 Nephi 2:11

11 For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my first-born in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass, neither wickedness, neither holiness nor misery, neither good nor bad. Wherefore, all things must needs be a compound in one; wherefore, if it should be one body it must needs remain as dead, having no life neither death, nor corruption nor incorruption, happiness nor misery, neither sense nor insensibility.

Opposition is part of reality—so is peacemaking.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:16

16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:23

23 And to others the discerning of spirits.

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of the here and now. The advise is *to be seen of God* rather than *to be seen of men* for the promises are: sincere good works to be realized openly. The peak or point of this pyramid has a peaceful effect in our lives, and is identified as the “EYE OF STILLNESS”:

Eye of stillness (Be still, and know . . .)

Psalms 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I [am] God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Cornerstones of the foundation of the pyramid are: holy worship, mournfulness, witnessing , peacemaking.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- the “here and now” or the present
- knowledge of things as they are
- millennial earth
- earth life
- reading scriptures
- sensory knowledge
- testimony of Christ

Law of sacrifice as the transforming principle at the center of this pyramid. (Law of sacrifice could be called the law of member conversion.)

Pyramid FOUR will also be referred by the name of:

PYRAMID OF GOOD WORKS

Associated Sermon at the Temple Theme

3 Nephi 13:1-21 Book of Mormon

1 Verily, verily, I say that I would that ye should do alms unto the poor; but take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father who is in heaven.

2 Therefore, when ye shall do your alms do not sound a trumpet before you, as will hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men.

Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth;

4 That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest thou shalt not do as the hypocrites, for they love to pray, standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.

Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

- 8 *Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.*
- 9 *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*
- 10 *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- 11 *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*
- 12 *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*
- 13 *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*
- 14 *For, if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you;*
- 15 *But if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*
- 16 *Moreover, when ye fast be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.*
- 17 *But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face;*
- 18 *That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.*
- 19 *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and thieves break through and steal;*
- 20 *But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.*
- 21 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

PYRAMID THREE AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Partnerships THREE and Pairings THREE and EIGHT are the cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid.

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

BEATITUDE 3 *Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

BEATITUDE 8 *And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

A person who misuses the name of deity does it from a lack of imagination.

The “poor in spirit who come unto Christ” are those who believe from minimal evidence, for they believe upon hearing the word only. Thomas was not “poor in spirit” as he required the physical evidence of touch, rather than believing the report of the others. The “poor in spirit” believe upon the hope of things not seen. Zion is where the pure in heart dwell and there is no poor among them. All things in common with no desire to steal. To determine ownership, to prevent stealing, one should trace ownership to its origin or the first man to lay claim upon the land or name.

Do we steal the name of god? Who gave us permission? It takes a powerful mind to maintain constant reverence.

Respect of your neighbor’s property is enjoined here.

Psalms 111:10

10 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do [his commandments]: his praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 1:7

7 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 2:5

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 4:7

7 Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

To “get understanding” is the goal and the vision in these scriptures. And “fear” can be translated deep reverence with respect.

COMMANDMENT 3 CORNERSTONE OF REVERENCE

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain . . .

It takes a strong mind to use the right word for the right expression. Study the meaning of words, so they can be used properly, in simple clear communication. This will help the imagination and/or thoughts immensely.

The mind is strengthened by deep reverence for the name of the LORD. Guilt will paralyze the thoughts and weigh down the freedom of the imagination. The distress free mind is necessary to creating new ideas.

1 Nephi 16:partial 2

. . . they should be lifted up at the last day; wherefore, the guilty taketh the truth to be hard, for it cutteth them to the very center.

Guilt will make truth difficult to accept; thus, reverence for truth is a remedy for guilt, healing the mind to be free and easy with the truth.

BEATITUDE 3 CORNERSTONE OF REAL INTENT

Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. The phrase “who come unto me” establishes real intent.

There are two economies only. One is the economy of God and the other is the economy of this world. If ideas are measured only by the ruler of money, then many things are diminished that are very useful. What if church was run like a business? When the church is not profitable then people are laid off and told that they need not show up for church. Or your merit is measured by who contributes the most to the donations. The wealthiest person in the congregation would be the one who would have the most influence. How long would this kind of fellowship among the members continue to be spiritual?

When thinking to get solutions, sometimes the best solutions are free of monetary evaluations. The opposite of monetary measurement of everything, is to measure everything by the worth of a soul. No business is going to stay in business, if it did not charge for a service, or get a reasonably profitable return for the business venture. Here one needs to use and apply the reasoning in the parable of the Unrighteous Mammon.

He who is faithful in few things (money) shall be made ruler of many things (spiritual values). The faithfulness is that your spirituality is not warped by the forces of money. Saving souls should be paramount. See the commentary on the parable of the Unjust Steward in APPENDIX F, to understand the “poor in spirit” according to Jesus’s teachings, concerning the place of money in evaluation of souls.

COMMANDMENT 8 CORNERSTONE OF HONESTY.

Thou shalt not steal. Before you can steal you must determine the owners vigilance to protect his property. Before you can determine the owners position and vigilance, you must determine who is the owner. God owns all there is, and was, and shall be. But God has given land and other things to certain men. Therefore, the stewardship is also a consideration.

How do we know the owners of anything? Well to begin, if it is not specifically yours, then taking it maybe stealing. But you say, “it has nobody’s name on it, therefore I can claim it.” In all the lands of the earth, who said this land is mine? Perhaps, the first man who made his home there, when no one came to say you are trespassing.

There are those who claim land and possessions by virtue of might and victory. If we could travel to another planet that was inhabited by no living thing and were to colonized it, what right have we to lay claim on this planet or any portion of it. We say, "If no one comes to tell us this is their land, we can stay till they come," unless the fear of being caught stealing is of concern.

The American Indian claims the Americas because they were here first. But archeology has shown there were people here in the Americas, before some of the present American Indians arrived. Sometimes land and things are claimed by virtue of power to keep the land or things claimed .

Without getting deeper into the theory of property ownership, let us state the purpose of this investigation into the thinking paradigms or the pyramids of the scriptures. The purpose is to get to the eye of each pyramid so it can be a paradigm of research for the scriptures or any other purpose the mind might have.

So let us ask a few clarifying questions. Can a person steal ideas?

Yes. Do we have an obligation to respect the ideas and inventions of others? Yes. Are we required to search back the true originator of any idea or notion? Yes, that is if they write it down or are known to have spoken it, and it is either witnessed or recorded. If one were to read minds do you have a responsibility to recognize ownership of the idea? Yes, if you were honest.

When we have a deep respect for property rights, which is the basis of honesty, there will be less or no temptation to steal. The material value of things is the motive to steal. Deep respect for property rights must exceed material value. An idea patented has great possible material value, and there exist a race to patent a good idea for possible return values, both monetary or emotional. Since this is the pyramid with the eye of thoughts, we must acknowledge that stealing will affect our thoughts. How does stealing dim our thoughts? Let us consider a few examples:

Malachi 3:8

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Imagine, if you will, doing with \$90.00 what you would have done with \$100 dollars. Is this not an exercise of imagination and creativity? Payment of tithing will improve the power of imagination and therefore thoughts. The Spirit may have great difficulty helping a person paying tithing, if there is no creative imagination to use the remaining \$90.00. Nevertheless, God will bless you for the tithing paid by means you can not see because your creative imagination is asleep. But would we not have more joy if we have the imagination to see the “windows of heaven” open.

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].

How do property lines get defined? Who are the first owners of land or things? What do we own? What were the very first properties to “steal?” Are not all property lines “imaginary?”

If we were to build a fence to define our property lines. Do we not first survey the land to stake it out? Then with an imaginary line, we draw a real line and finally build the physical fence. All of this may bespeak of the mind and imagination setting up the construction of the fence. (What is the fence between the real and the unreal in our mind?)

Private ownership has inspired many to great ideas and self esteem. Slavery is when someone owns another person. Slavery has been a very destructive influence upon society and civilization. The majority of political wars have been over property rights and ownership rights.

The positive opposite of “Thou shalt not steal” is giving out to others property to empower them in their possessions. Divesting oneself of covetousness of others possessions, will free oneself of materiality. This enhances the imagination which is essential to thought. Spirituality nourishes the imagination.

Honesty is crucial to thought and imagination. Honesty is not just the best policy, it is the foundation to clear thinking. And should copyright laws be ignored and/or patent laws be given no regard; how much poetry and inventions would be stimulated, in a society where intellectual property is not honored? When people are given praise and value for their thoughts and works, then the motive to imagine great things is sustained by society paying the artist his dues.

BEATITUDE 8 CORNERSTONE OF PURE IN HEART.

Blessed are the pure in heart. Zion is where the pure in heart dwell. Again would anyone steal even an idea from another, if they were pure in heart? And if there is no poor among the people of Zion, what motivation is there to steal? Besides the purity of heart satisfying the honesty, it also fulfills the other requirement of being of one mind and one heart.

Thoughts should have pure motives not undercurrents of impurity. To have crystal clear thoughts in the reflections of the mind, it will require that the motives be traced to the fountainhead, and there we can drink of the “pure water” flowing to consciousness. The “pure in heart” will be of an honest mind.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:15

15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:22

22 And to others it is given to prophesy;

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of thoughts and imagination. The advise is *to take no thoughts* for worldly things but rather the morrow shall take thought for itself. Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven for the promise is that *all these things shall be added unto you*. The peak or point of this pyramid is identified as the “EYE OF THOUGHTS”:

Eye of thoughts (*let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly*)

Proverbs 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart [is] not with thee.

Cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid are: reverence, real intent, honesty, pure heart.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- imagination
- the power of inner vision
- thoughts
- consideration
- hope
- belief
- free will
- moral agency

Law of the gospel is the transforming principle for this pyramid.

Pyramid THREE will also be referred by the name of:

PYRAMID OF STARS (*DISTANT LIGHTS*)

Associated Sermon at the Temple Theme
3 Nephi 13:22-34 Book of Mormon

22 *The light of the body is the eye; if, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.*

23 *But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.*

If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 *No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other.*

Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

25 *And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked upon the twelve whom he had chosen, and said unto them: Remember the words which I have spoken. For behold, ye are they whom I have chosen to minister unto this people. Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

26 *Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.*

Are ye not much better than they?

27 *Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*

28 *And why take ye thought for raiment?*

Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin;

29 *And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.*

30 *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, even so will he clothe you, if ye are not of little faith.*

31 *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat?*

or, What shall we drink?

or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 *For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*

34 *Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.*

Sufficient is the day unto the evil thereof.

PYRAMID TWO AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Partnerships TWO and pairings TWO and SEVEN are the cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid.

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

BEATITUDE 2 *And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:partial 3-4

and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am. 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

BEATITUDE 7 *And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

The law of substitution is at work here. Do we make things to substitute for God and then worship them? Do we listen to the authorities of the church as substitute for God or do we see in their words the power of salvation, and receive the Holy Ghost, and be visited with fire (personal visions)?

But faith is the eternal principle by which we relate to someone greater than self. It is the opposite of substituting the material for the spiritual, it is placing the spiritual above the material. Needing a direct witness of everything is like Thomas, who would not believe except he touch and see:

John 20:25-29

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: [then] came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace [be] unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust [it] into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed.

We ponder how “more blessed” are those who need not the hard evidence of Thomas, but believe as assuredly.

MORE BLESSED!!! are those who can get a vision of this work through the testimony of others, rather than requiring a sign or witness.

Mercy on the neglected, the forgotten, the less valued, the odd, strange, the out of the way, the earlier failures, etc. prepare the mind to make a sound judgment in the face of the unknown.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:23

23 And he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her shall deny the faith, and shall not have the Spirit; and if he repents not he shall be cast out.

Matthew 5:27-28

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Sometimes the only way to get out of an adultery judgment, is by mercy.

Whoso looketh upon a woman to lust after ... “Looketh.” Vision of the worth of a soul is the motivation of mercy. When one act of mercy saves a soul, then great is the contribution of that soul to the vision of Zion. What is the worth of a soul?

Our mental vision has everything to do with imagination; and our mental envisioning has everything to do with our virtue. Where there is no VISION the people perish. What we are saying is that a virtuous person will have clear vision of what is ahead in time, and in knowledge.

Proverbs 29:18

18 Where [there is] no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy [is] he.

Virtue may be its own reward but that reward is vision.

COMMANDMENT 2 CORNERSTONE OF NO IDOLS

Thou shalt not MAKE unto thee any graven image . . . Thou shalt not BOW DOWN thyself to them

We are not to bow down or serve any thing we make that is graven or in the likeness of things in heaven, earth, water. We are not to substitute physical things for spiritual things. The addiction to materiality is an Artificial World with and Artificial Future. Not a seen vision.

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

BEATITUDE 2 CORNERSTONE OF SUSTAINING

Matthew 7:22

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Sustain those in authority as they assist us in getting to the truth.

We have to do our part by listening with the Spirit to their teachings to get to the doctrine. The priesthood establishes doctrine, where authority points us to dogma. Teachings without the Spirit is dogma.

We are promised that our leaders will not lead us astray. Also, if we live by the Spirit they cannot lead us astray—even should they try. There is only one family in heaven. All that we see in the church, and

in the authorities of the church, are meant to build families, for they “stand in” for the ultimate government of heaven. Apostles for example, “stand in” for the twelve tribes of Israel, until the sealing lines are complete. Each priesthood holder “stands in” for Jesus or is a substitute, until He returns in His millennial reign. Each one of us is required to “stand ye in Holy Places.”

Doctrine and Covenants 87:8

8 Wherefore, stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come; for behold, it cometh quickly, saith the Lord. Amen.

As the saying of David O McKay goes, “No success can compensate for failure in the family” so it is, that “No worship of the workmanship of our hands can compensate for the jealousy of our God.”

This is the result of the partnership between the following two commandments:

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

COMMANDMENT 7 CORNERSTONE OF CHASTITY

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matthew 16:4

4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

To seek after a sign is equated with adultery. What is a sign seeker; but, one who wants to see physical evidence for spiritual things? The reverse of sign seeking is wanting to see spiritual evidence for physical things. The chaste seek spirituality.

A sign seeker prefers sensations and savory evidence to the inner vision of the spirit; therefore, “shall no sign be given unto it,” except the sign given to Jonah, that the people of Nineveh repented from within. And that sign was, the people were overthrown by repentance not by a physical army.

Jonah 3:4-10

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered [him] with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused [it] to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands.

9 Who can tell [if] God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not.

Jonah 4:1

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

Jonah 4:5

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

Jonah 4:9

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?

And he said, I do well to be angry, [even] unto death.

Jonah 4:10-11

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and [also] much cattle?

2 Nephi 28:19-20

19 For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger, and perish;

20 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

All visions of the future will be based upon the family or it will be a future of fear rather than peace, and the family is the basic building block of the Pyramid of the Moon (Reflected Light). Chastity is the strength of any future family or society. If you see the future as a village of individuals, then that future will not be free, as it will not have the truth. The future is based upon repentance as in the City of Nineveh.

BEATITUDE 7 CORNERSTONE OF MERCY

Joseph Smith Translation Matthew 7:2-3

2 Judge not unrighteously, that ye be not judged; but judge righteous judgment.

3 For with what judgment ye shall judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Substitute anonymous gifts, or be anonymous with your mercy. A Bishop who heard the repentant heart confide past sins, must keep this from the wrong ears.

We are not to make the punishment greater than the sin. The soul is worth more than the sinner. Also, we are not to be too light on serious things, as this will not induce the spirit of repentance. Judicious application of justice and mercy, must be balanced in the Spirit of Christ and His Love.

Look ahead and see, that we have all fallen short of the glory of God, and need to be rescued in mercy. We envision our potential from the application of the gift of mercy, when repentance blooms with good works.

2 Nephi 25:23

23 For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.

After all the repentance it is by grace that we are saved. Mercy is the source of that grace. Mercy can work miracles in the human condition. Is mercy ever wasted? Let that be a subject for the future day of judgment!

Children need structure at home but without mercy, no child will be raised to righteousness. If no forgiveness is possible, then perhaps mercy can rescue a repentant soul.

We must build moral visions of the future so our families can thrive. Ideas like people can surprise us with inner values. We should try to recover ideas set aside, and see their hidden principles, which only need another evaluation in the Spirit to ponder.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:14

14 To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:21

21 And again, to some is given the working of miracles;

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of the society and judgment. The advise is consider the beam that is in thine own eye. The peak or point of this pyramid a righteous judgment while teaching and learning from your brothers, and is identified as the “EYE OF VIRTUE”:

Eye of virtue *(let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly)*

Cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid are: no idols, sustaining authority, chastity, mercy.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- substitution and proxy
- visioning
- virtue
- family
- repentance
- ponder
- faithful substitutes

Law of chastity is the transforming principle for this pyramid.

Pyramid TWO will also be referred by the name of:

PYRAMID OF THE MOON (REFLECTED LIGHT)

Associated Sermon at the Temple Theme **3 Nephi 14:1-20 Book of Mormon**

1 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he turned again to the multitude, and did open his mouth unto them again, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother: Let me pull the mote out of thine eye-- and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

8 For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, who, if his son ask bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat;

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

- 15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits.
Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 20 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

PYRAMID ONE AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Partnerships ONE and Pairings ONE and SIX are the cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid.

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

BEATITUDE 1 *And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:3

3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

BEATITUDE 6 *And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Knowledge is power and testimony has even greater power. The power of creation or being created is implied here, as we should be worshipful to He who made us. Also we should strive and work for self creation or personal righteousness, to be filled with the Holy Ghost, which has the mind of God and will of God.

Doctrine and Covenants 76:22-24

22 And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all which we give of him: That he lives!

23 For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

24 That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

We have reference to the peak or point of the pyramid as an eye, which is to be taken metaphorically. To look at this type as literal, will break down the paradigms into near nonsense or at least less sense.

Anger is not conducive to creative thought.

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:24-26

24 But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of his judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, or Rabcha, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hellfire.

25 Therefore, if ye shall come unto me, or shall desire to come unto me, or if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee,

26 Leave thou thy gift before the altar, and go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

We are creators in embryo.

Learning of our infinite origin.

Blessings of direct knowledge of God.

Basic to all witnessing is the EYE. See APPENDIX G for scriptural references concerning the eye.

The eyes of our understanding will hopefully be assisted, by the eyes of the pyramids that we have designed and defined, to help us think and remember the thoughts, we must meditate upon (search) to gain a deeper understanding.

Five eyes of the PYRAMIDS matching the folded 10 commandments and the attending Ten Beatitudes.

When these five eyes are in place, kept and lived and comprehended, and all eyes are single to the glory of God, namely the eyes of: garnishment, virtue, thought, stillness, chrysalis, then a sixth eye opens to view—the unceasing eye. This will be the result of the synergy of all the eyes.

COMMANDMENT 1 CORNERSTONE OF ONE TRUE GOD

Edification of worshipping the one true God who said:

Moses 1:39

39 For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

By helping our Father in Heaven finish the creation of Man we participate in His work and glory, and become like Him.

BEATITUDE 1 CORNERSTONE OF TRUE WITNESSES

Edification of true testimony by direct witness.

The witness of apostles and prophets will build us spiritually—to help build the Kingdom of God and His Church.

COMMANDMENT 6 CORNERSTONE OF HARMLESSNESS

Edification of mankind.

Doctrine and Covenants 18:10

10 Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;

We should seek the salvation and exaltation of others on this earth. We should be a help through love for our brothers and sisters. We should fulfil the command to “Feed my lambs. ... Feed my sheep. ... Feed my sheep.”

BEATITUDE 6 CORNERSTONE OF SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS

Edification of hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

Jacob 6:7

7 For behold, after ye have been nourished by the good word of God all the day long, will ye bring forth evil fruit, that ye must be hewn down and cast into the fire?

If we study, live exactly the commandments and follow Jesus in mercy, we will build within us, integrity and spirituality to grow in light.

Matthew 7:24

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:13

13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.

Gift of the Spirit Doctrine and Covenants 46:19-20

19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;

20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of doing the will of the Father in creativity in planning in preparing in building the kingdom of god. The advise is: hypocrisy and pretending has dire consequences. The peak or point of this pyramid has a protecting, a beautifying, a preserving effect in our lives, and is identified as the “EYE OF GARNISHMENT”:

Eye of garnishment (*let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly*)

Cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid are: one true god, true witnesses. harmless, seek righteousness.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- creativity
- synergy
- synthesis
- transformation
- oneness
- edification
- commitment
- Kingdom of God
- plan of salvation
- preparation of salvation
- work and glory
- charity

Law of consecration is the transforming principle for this pyramid.

Pyramid ONE will also be referred by the name of:

PYRAMID OF THE SUN (*SELF EXISTING LIGHT*)

(It is to be observed here that the powerful energy that is produced in the Sun comes from fission and/or fusion. Fission separates and splits apart; where fusion combines and fuses parts into one. The process of creation is likened to the Sun as a metaphor. The grand and glorious energy that warms the earth is of this order as the internal workings of this star, called the Sun. Without the Sun we would be frozen in place—not doing any thing new.)

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3 Nephi 14:21-15:1 Book of Mormon

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them: I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock--

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand--

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

15 1 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had ended these sayings he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and said unto them: Behold, ye have heard the things which I taught before I ascended to my Father; therefore, whoso remembereth these sayings of mine and doeth them, him will I raise up at the last day.

PYRAMID ZERO AND ITS ATTRIBUTES:

Light is principles of intelligence.

Truth is perfect knowledge

(All capitalization is not in the original scripture and is here used for emphasis.)

Doctrine and Covenants 93:36

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, LIGHT and TRUTH.

Psalms 119:104

104 Through thy precepts I get UNDERSTANDING: therefore I hate every false way.

Proverbs 4:7

7 Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get UNDERSTANDING.

Doctrine and Covenants 76:5-12

5 For thus saith the Lord—I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in TRUTH unto the end.

6 Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory.

7 And to them will I REVEAL all mysteries, yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come, will I make KNOWN unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom.

8 Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations.

9 And their WISDOM shall be great, and their UNDERSTANDING reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the UNDERSTANDING of the prudent shall come to naught.

10 For by my Spirit will I ENLIGHTEN them, and by my power will I make

known unto them the secrets of my will—yea, even those things which EYE has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.

11 We, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, being in the Spirit on the sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two—

12 By the power of the Spirit our EYES were opened and our UNDERSTANDINGS were ENLIGHTENED, so as to see and UNDERSTAND the things of God—

To understand God we must first understand ourselves; and if we begin to understand God with His help, we can better understand ourselves.

1 John 3:1-3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Man may become like God. “I am a child of God.”

Doctrine and Covenants 11:25

25 Deny not the SPIRIT OF REVELATION, nor the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY,

for wo unto him that denieth these things;

Doctrine and Covenants 8:2

2 Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

Doctrine and Covenants 93:36

36 The GLORY OF GOD IS INTELLIGENCE, or, in other words, LIGHT AND TRUTH.

Doctrine and Covenants 130:18-21

18 Whatever PRINCIPLE OF INTELLIGENCE we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.

19 And if a person gains more KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLIGENCE in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

20 There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated—

21 And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.

CORNERSTONE OF LIGHT

Doctrine and Covenants 93:29

29 Man was also in the beginning with God. INTELLIGENCE, or the LIGHT of TRUTH, was not created or made, neither indeed can be.

Alma 19:6

6 Now, this was what Ammon desired, for he knew that king Lamoni was under the power of God; he knew that the dark veil of unbelief was being cast away from his mind, and the LIGHT which did LIGHT up his mind, which was the LIGHT of the GLORY of God, which was a marvelous LIGHT of his goodness—yea, this LIGHT had infused such joy into his soul, the cloud of darkness having been dispelled, and that the LIGHT of everlasting life was lit up in his soul, yea, he knew that this had overcome his natural frame, and he was carried away in God—

CORNERSTONE OF THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION**Alma 5:46**

46 Behold, I say unto you they are made known unto me by the Holy Spirit of God. Behold, I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself. And now I do know of myself that they are true; for the Lord God hath made them manifest unto me by his Holy Spirit; and this is the SPIRIT OF REVELATION which is in me.

Alma 17:3

3 But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer, and fasting; therefore they had the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, and the SPIRIT OF REVELATION, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God.

Doctrine and Covenants 8:3

3 Now, behold, this is the SPIRIT OF REVELATION; behold, this is the spirit by which Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground.

Doctrine and Covenants 11:25

25 Deny not the SPIRIT OF REVELATION, nor the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY,

for wo unto him that denieth these things;

CORNERSTONE OF TRUTH*KNOWLEDGE IS POWER***Doctrine and Covenants 93:24**

24 And TRUTH is KNOWLEDGE of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

“If the meek inherit the earth it will be because they have made plans. The meek understand that knowledge is the ultimate power. Foreknowledge is the advanced level of that power, causing the activity of planning to find its fulfillment.” Futurlogics (C) 1983

CORNERSTONE OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Free will, moral agency is made existent by the possibilities and probabilities and hopes, visions, gifts of the Spirit, which give us views of the futures. This enables choice.

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Doctrine and Covenants 11:25

25 Deny not the SPIRIT OF REVELATION, nor the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, for wo unto him that denieth these things;

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

The point of perspective or eye of this pyramid is the framing influence of the future and endlessness of eternity. The advise is to deny not the spirit of prophecy and deny not the spirit of revelation to be *raised up at the last day*. The peak or point of this pyramid has a mind expanding effect in our lives, *and that all things had become new* and is identified as the “UNCEASING EYE”:

This is the pyramid with the unceasing eye.

Doctrine and Covenants 121:45

45 Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

Cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid are: spirit of prophecy, light, spirit of revelation, truth.

Foundation stones of the pyramid are:

- light
- truth
- the paradigm of understanding
- future[s]
- the knowledge of things as they are to come
- eternal family
- eternal round

Law of eternal progression is the transforming principle for this pyramid.

Pyramid ZERO will be referred by two names:

**PYRAMID OF FUTURES (Paradigm Shift)
PYRAMID OF CONTINUATIONS (Paradigm Lift)**

***Associated Sermon at the Temple Theme
3 Nephi 15:2-10 Book of Mormon***

2 And it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words he perceived that there were some among them who marveled, and wondered what he would concerning the law of Moses; for they understood not the saying that old things had passed away, and that all things had become new.

*3 And he said unto them: Marvel not that I said unto you that old things had passed away, and that **all things had become new.***

4 Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses.

5 Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfil the law; therefore it hath an end.

6 Behold, I do not destroy the prophets, for as many as have not been fulfilled in me, verily I say unto you, shall all be fulfilled.

7 And because I said unto you that old things have passed away, I do not destroy that which hath been spoken concerning things which are to come.

8 For behold, the covenant which I have made with my people is not all fulfilled; but the law which was given unto Moses hath an end in me.

9 Behold, I am the law, and the light.

Look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life.

10 Behold, I have given unto you the commandments; therefore keep my commandments.

And this is the law and the prophets, for they truly testified of me.

PART SIX:

USAGE OF THE SIX PYRAMIDS

Now that we have six pyramids with six foundations and six eyes and seven names. How do we use them? What do we do with them after learning to apply them? In the preceding build up of the pyramids, we have started from the bottom pyramid FIVE and progressed upward to pyramid ZERO. This build up of previous pyramids in itself, is like building a pyramid of pyramids. Indeed, it is a gestalt. The authors hope that this also will be your gestalt—may this be joyful. This seems like the natural order which we will follow with an example.

(Preparation to this exercise is to thoroughly memorize the Ten Commandments and the Ten Beatitudes and the associated gifts of the Spirit. Should the pyramids not work for you, the memorization of these scriptures will benefit you as you study the gospel.)

THE PYRAMID OF FUTURE(S)

Take *first* the Pyramid of Personal Worth. Review history, and our origin, and take this to see where everything, as seen from the eye of the chrysalis, is going towards the future. By this, one should see where the inertia of the past is taking us. We examine traditions, etc. according to the following scripture.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:79

79 Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms—

We should see this as a framing for future(s) research.

Second use the Pyramid of Good Works. Scan the present, be still and observe the things that are currently ongoing, and see how they play out in the long view. Look to the latest scientific discoveries. Examine controls. Get through denial when unpleasant facts present themselves. See beyond death. Keep the millennium in mind during all this scanning around.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:80

80 That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you.

Third use the Pyramid of Stars. Research using thoughts, belief and positive hope. Use your imagination to discover solutions. Consider every star in the sky of your imagination; or range completely through all the possible patterns of thought. Think clearly about the things in heaven, earth and with mankind. Maintain your free will in this mode or pyramid.

Jeremiah 17:13

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, [and] they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

We are to avoid hopeless thinking and school our imagination as Jeremiah advised.

Jeremiah 18:12

12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

Be pure in heart. Look ahead. Think ahead. Use your imagination.

Fourth use the Pyramid of Faithful Substitutions or the Pyramid of the Moon (reflected light.) Ponder well, and weigh the possibilities and determine the probabilities. Make judgment accountable in your assumptions to facilitate your ponderings. Build a constructive vision of the possibilities and probabilities—a working future if you will.

Doctrine and Covenants 63:16

16 And verily I say unto you, as I have said before, he that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or if any shall commit adultery in their hearts, they shall not have the Spirit, but shall deny the faith and shall fear.

Sustain the authorities with prayer and fasting and obedience. Understand mercy as a saving principle. Beware of false prophets.

Catch the vision of the work and where it goes or should go, and be part of the vision that will not perish the people, but save them. Envision your own life and family, as the gospel unfolds it to you.

Fifth use the Pyramid of the Sun or creative edification.

1 Timothy 1:5

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and [of] a good conscience, and [of] faith unfeigned:

Ask yourself what you can do to build your family, the church, the kingdom of God? Prepare yourself to be a better person. Increase your testimony with study and meditation. Plan your future. Be constructive. see APPENDIX B for more suggestions.

Before we go to the Pyramid of Futures. Let us overview all five pyramids, all at once, that is to see them in one. This is useful to gain the five perspectives from the eyes of these pyramids namely:

Eye of Chrysalis

That is: see how has history framed our life? That is: see the future that history point us to. Should we follow this tradition influenced future?

Eye of Stillness (*be still, and know*)

That is: see how does present conditions influence us? That is: see where does current events take us? Do we gauge or measure ourselves from the present value system?

Eye of Thoughts

That is: see how does our imagination and thoughts give us hope and possibilities for the future? That is: see quantity of possibilities rather than being prematurely critical. Suspend final judgment till all the thoughts are concluded.

Eye of Virtue

That is: see what vision or cause, can be aspired in this level of thinking? That is: how are we motivated by virtuous ideals or principles? Exercise faithful judgment till the vision has unfolded.

Eye of Garnishment

That is: see what plans and preparations can be developed here? That is: think of creating more than destroying or destroy by creating. Make righteous judgment for edification of self and others.

Sixth use the Pyramid of Futures.

From a notion of things to come, go farther to extend your fuller notion to more certain aspects of the future, which will assist you in decisions and designs to guide activity. Listen to the “still small voice” and heed it’s promptings.

See APPENDIX B for an exercise in this concept for the edification of the youth of Zion.

As this sixth pyramid is to be seen as:

- a “*paradigm shift*” to new concepts,
- a “*paradigm lift*” to higher perspective,
- a “*paradigm gift*” to be inspired with spiritual impressions.

After the *shift*, the *lift*, and the *gift*, the Pyramids of God may be called the *Pyramid of God*.

The *Pyramid of God* is a synergy of all the paradigms of light and truth. A holistic view (vista and focus).

This is outlined in general next:

(Synthesize the following ideas rather than analyze into components.)

Going through or thinking through all the modes (that is pyramids) and not stopping or favoring just one of them, but by learning to go from one pyramid to the next pyramid is exercising a minor shift for each of these levels, and then finally resting on the sixth eye is a preparation to each greater shift which should cause the major “paradigm shift” which is the *first round*.

Then you need to channel (awaken feelings) through the six eyes of the pyramids again, allowing information or notices from all the other pyramids, to influence the particular pyramid you are “in” at the moment. The purpose of the channeling is to see all the pyramids and their components at once or to see all the Commandments and all the Beatitudes and all the Gifts at the same time. This second process or second round should continue until there is “paradigm lift” as differentiated from the “paradigm shift.” This second round or second process is essentially inductive in form of thought, compared to the deductive form of thought, of the first round of the individual pyramids, which were restricting the information to only come from the current pyramid or focus.

Now this is to continue as the “paradigm lifting” proceeds or till one feels strongly the gifts of the Holy Ghost in the pondering, and in the “studying it out in the mind” (meditation.) Again in different words, all the pyramids or all the eyes at once, are or is, the final perspective. Again, we channel through the six eyes and pyramids, allowing them to influence all the others. We should look through all eyes, like we look through two eyes, in one. Continue till they are seen as LIGHT and TRUTH in ONE. Then the “paradigm gift” is to be expected. This continuing is an expanding spiral, that is till we have to rest in the spirit as it were. When you go any further, hopefully you will seek the instructions of the Spirit. The Spirit will have to instruct from now on. While this *second process* or *second round* is underway the name of the pyramid becomes:

THE PYRAMID OF CONTINUATIONS

The Pyramid of Continuations is a mosaic of all the pyramids. And as with a mosaic perspective and distance is all the difference in seeing the big picture. Too close and we see the individual stones. Let us apply the right perspective, and see what we may see. We should see in the mosaic, of the component pyramids:

LIGHT AND TRUTH

The effect or affect here is to increase in light and truth, by getting to the big picture through seeing with all eyes of the pyramids in total—holistically.

The *third round* is with an eye single to the glory of God, and the third round is in the province of the Holy Ghost to teach *with* you.

Doctrine and Covenants 4:5-7

5 And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

6 Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

7 Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

Doctrine and Covenants 93:36

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, LIGHT and TRUTH.

INTELLIGENCE

Doctrine and Covenants 130:18-19

18 Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection.

19 And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

(Now we analyze in reverse order, to list the components for review.)

Three of the pyramids are easily seen to relate to LIGHT, namely:

Pyramid of Stars, Pyramid of the Moon, Pyramid of the Sun.

The other pyramids would then relate to TRUTH, namely:

Pyramid of Personal Worth, Pyramid of Good Works, Pyramid of Future(s).

Looking at the definition of TRUTH in the scriptures, gives us the right focus to see the big picture of TRUTH in the last three pyramids.

Doctrine and Covenants 93:24

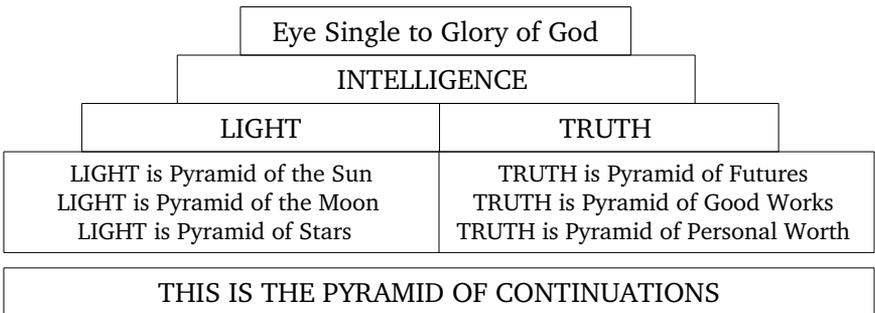
24 And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

The Pyramid of Futures is obviously the “knowledge of things as they are to come,” and our choices.

The Pyramid of Good Works would be the things, we must do in the present, to be in compliance with the commandments of God. Therefore the Pyramid of Good Works will comply with “knowledge of things as they are”.

The remaining Pyramid of Personal Worth would be by force of logic, the “knowledge of things as they were”. A rationale for this position is, that our history and our heritage, define our worth as does our genealogy prove that we are a child of God.

All the eyes of the mosaic of the pyramids, should be single to the glory of God, which should bring us to the principles of intelligence that endure.



INTELLIGENCE

or

LIGHT and TRUTH

LIGHT is Pyramid of Continuations

LIGHT is Pyramid of the Sun

LIGHT is Pyramid of the Moon

LIGHT is Pyramid of Stars

TRUTH is Pyramid of Futures

TRUTH is Pyramid of Good Works

TRUTH is Pyramid of Personal Worth

Genesis 1:16-17

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: [he made] the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

Genesis 15:5

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

1 Corinthians 15:41

41 [There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory.

Matthew 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Joseph Smith Translation Matthew 10:34

34 He who seeketh to save his life shall lose it; and he who loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

In other words let us go through another round of thoughts to further the analysis using the basic concepts in the pyramids:

Recollect all we can relative to the present question or research.

Next awaken and arouse all the faculties to the same.

Following this, consider the possibilities, and like the mariner of old chart a course by the stars.

Set up the condition for deep pondering and weigh things out with assigned values to the consideration. Perhaps assume judiciously certain things to facilitate the pondering.

After this, meditate the matter with the whole heart and mind, listening for the still small voice which will attend deep meditation. Consequential to this and perhaps during all the preceding, pray and appropriately fast to get either the “stupor” or the “burning,” not denying the spirit of prophesy and the spirit of revelation. At this point, we are ready for the understanding, that will point to the final goal of the glory of God or intelligence. . . . begin at the beginning again, and continue this round till the full light shines on the matter.

The intent of the pyramids is to get to this **ROUND**, and make it an *eternal round*. The secret here is in the final construct. There is really only one pyramid composed of all the other pyramids, build upon themselves in tiers.

COMPARING PYRAMID ZERO WITH PYRAMID FIVE

(Capitalization in the following scriptural citations is for emphasis and may not be in the original scripture verse.)

Doctrine and Covenants 29:30

30 But remember that all my judgments are not given unto men; and as the words have gone forth out of my mouth even so shall they be fulfilled, that the first shall be last, and **THAT THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST IN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE CREATED BY THE WORD OF MY POWER, WHICH IS THE POWER OF MY SPIRIT.**

Joseph Smith Translation Matthew 19:30

30 But many of the **FIRST SHALL BE LAST, AND THE LAST FIRST.**

Pyramid ZERO or the Pyramid of Futures with the unceasing eye has:

Cornerstones of the foundation of this pyramid are: spirit of prophecy, spirit of revelation, light, truth.

Pyramid FIVE or Pyramid of Promised Rewards or Personal Worth has:

Cornerstones of honor, meekness, covet to prophesy, steadfastness in testimony of Christ.

Pyramid FIVE has *covet to prophesy* and Pyramid ZERO has *spirit of prophecy*.

OR

Pyramid ZERO has *spirit of prophecy* and Pyramid FIVE has *covet to prophesy*.

What is twice referred to here is prophecy, in the first pyramid paradigm and in the last pyramid paradigm. In spiritual things it is said, that the first shall be last and the last shall be first. Of course, this scriptural reference may apply to other things, such as genealogical lineages, etc. but it may find it's employ here also . Looking to the future in the spirit is the common thread in all the pyramids, and their attending paradigms, as metaphors. The point here is, that the common thread through all the pyramids is prophecy. Let us look at a series of scriptures concerning prophecy:

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual [gifts], but RATHER THAT YE MAY PROPHECY.

1 Corinthians 14:39

39 Wherefore, brethren, COVET TO PROPHECY, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

All prophecy is based upon the testimony of Jesus Christ, it is the "spirit of prophecy" as the next scripture citation explains in John's Book.

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

Joseph Smith Translation Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See that thou do it not; I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

Those who weather the persecution and reviling that attend the true testimony, will view the things to come, as great shall be their reward, for so persecuted they the prophets. A prophet must stand true in adversity, while attending the full force of persecution.

2 Nephi 25:4

4 Wherefore, hearken, O my people, which are of the house of Israel, and give ear unto my words; for because the words of Isaiah are not plain unto you, nevertheless they are plain unto all those that are filled with the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. But I give unto you a prophecy, according to the spirit which is in me; wherefore I shall prophesy according to the plainness which hath been with me from the time that I came out from Jerusalem with my father; for behold, my soul delighted in plainness unto my people, that they may learn.

Isaiah is plain to those who are filled with the spirit of prophecy.

Alma 25:16

16 Now they did not suppose that salvation came by the law of Moses; but the law of Moses did serve to strengthen their faith in Christ; and thus they did retain a hope through faith, unto eternal salvation, RELYING UPON THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, WHICH SPAKE OF THOSE THINGS TO COME.

Yes, the “spirit of prophecy” does concern the future or things to come. Prophets doubt not that the future can be known beforehand.

Helaman 4:23

23 And because of their iniquity the church had begun to dwindle; and THEY BEGAN TO DISBELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY and in the SPIRIT OF REVELATION; AND THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD DID STARE THEM IN THE FACE.

The following scripture sets WO upon he who denies the fruits of the Spirit, namely prophecy and revelation, the entrant to light and truth. It really does not matter, if you think these things are impossible!

Doctrine and Covenants 11:25

25 DENY NOT THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION, NOR THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, FOR WO UNTO HIM THAT DENIETH THESE THINGS;

Doctrine and Covenants 131:5

5 (May 17th, 1843.) The more SURE WORD OF PROPHECY means a man’s knowing that he is sealed up unto eternal life, BY REVELATION AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, through the power of the Holy Priesthood.

Salvation and much more, is dependent upon belief in these things. None of the pyramids and their attending paradigms will work for edification, except the spirit of prophecy be present in the spirit, in the mind and in the heart. In actuality, without the harmonizing affect of the Spirit, the metaphors of the pyramids and their paradigms will scramble and be confusing.

At this point one may say that there are details, which are like grains of sand in the machinery of the pyramids or paradigms. It should be encouraged instead, that such details should not be seen as “sand in the machinery” but rather, “sand in the oyster.” These spurs of sand will, if handled correctly produce pearls. Did you know that at the center of every natural pearl, is a grain of sand or another annoyance that will generate these iridescent jewels of the sea?

Now, not discounting anything so far written, let us read a pearl found in the writings of Paul the apostle:

1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:1-13, 14:1

12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

13:2 And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

13:4 Charity suffereth long, [and] is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away.

13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity.

14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual [gifts], but rather that ye may *prophecy*. (*prophecy* is italicized for emphasis)

All prophecy comes from the knowledge and testimony of God and His Son as this grand key scripture portrays:

John 17:3-4

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

If you have not read APPENDIX A then do it now for the more mental usage and generalization and/or focus.

AFTERWORD:

THE FUTURE OF THE PYRAMIDS

This treatise is an application of Futurlogics a system of prospective thinking. Futurlogics, or something like Futurlogics, will be used, in the near future, to teach children light and truth and how to think. Perhaps it will be with the Pyramids of God.

The authors believe that the SERMON ON THE MOUNT is the foundation of all thinking systems. It is the foundation of Futurlogics. It is *the thinking system*, if understood. As the personification of that sermon is followed, who is Jesus of Nazareth, the spirit of man, the mind of man, the heart of man, the strength of man, will surely awaken to great intelligence. Indeed, we will realize our heritage as the children of god.

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Postscript:

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What if you substitute “sap” for the word “substance,” and substitute “sprouts” for the word “evidence” in the previous scripture, to cause a “paradigm shift.” By changing these words now, let us experience the “paradigm lift,” in this definition of faith :

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1 Now faith is the sap of things hoped for, the sprouts of things not seen.

If you have said after reading APPENDIX A “they have changed the scriptures to suit their theories.” You are right. But, we would rather portray this use of the scriptures to “liken them unto yourselves.” Are we not to liken to ourselves; that is, to make the scriptures living? Read what you will into our intentions, but also suppose, “What if, the Pyramids of God increase hope?”

1 Nephi 19:partial 23-24

23 . . . for I did LIKEN ALL SCRIPTURES UNTO US, that it might be for our profit and learning.

24 . . . AND LIKEN THEM UNTO YOURSELVES, THAT YE MAY HAVE HOPE as well as your brethren from whom ye have been broken off; for after this manner has the prophet written.

There have been many scriptures quoted to build the pyramids. The authors have endeavored to interpret and explain the scriptures accurately and with respect, for what others have written concerning them. The explanations and the interpretations of the scriptures are the authors’ opinion, and do not reflect any church or organized religion. The readers should not take this treatise to be a final say, for the meaning of those scriptures, as this work is designed not to fully explain any scriptures, in the light of current accepted interpretations, or from any authority or professorship. The final goal here in this work was, to design and develop a thinking system using the scriptures. If there are disagreements with the work, then the main

objective of building better tools, by which to think has failed. The point has been missed! The ideas presented here should make thinking clearer and understandable, to solve problems and to research the unknown, in any social setting or life experience.

This presentation should be taken as a metaphor and/or a paradigm by which we may STUDY IT OUT IN OUR MIND. It is not asked of you to ask about this theory; but, it is ask of you to use the techniques to do the study, and then ask, so the results of your thinking be an address to God—for the burning or the stupor. Simply expressed you should not ask, if the PYRAMIDS OF GOD are true or not; but that by the fruits of the pyramids, you should judge the “Thinking Paradigm” contained therein.

This book is for personal study only.

Doctrine and Covenants 9:8-9

8 But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right.

9 But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me.

Study has not an end, just beginnings. Once again.

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APPENDIX A:

THE PARADIGM OF FUTURLOGICS

Futurlogics is a “study it out in your mind” technique. It is pre-knowledge (pre-knowledge is unconcluded thinking) that will prepare the mind to see the thing, that otherwise would be “overlooked.” Let us review the scriptures in Doctrine and Covenants 9:7-10, that point the mind to study and studies' powerful effect in discovery and research.

Doctrine and Covenants 9:7-10

7 Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me.

8 But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right.

9 But if it be not right you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you from me.

10 Now, if you had known this you could have translated; nevertheless, it is not expedient that you should translate now.

NOTICE: the phrase found in the Doctrine and Covenants 9 verse 10 which demonstrates the paradigm effect: “NOW, IF YOU HAD KNOWN THIS YOU COULD HAVE TRANSLATED”, this scripture shows that prior knowledge will influence markedly, succeeding learning or knowledge.

Building a vision for the future with its attending goals and vistas, is best approached through the view, that the future must be seen through six thought streams, or modes, and further synergize with holistic thinking.

The benefit of studying a thinking system such as Futurlogics may be illustrated with the following example:

With the advent and advancement of the computer, and other modern inventions, there is now time to do what man can do better than the machines, which is: really think and make good decisions. The human brain is so flexible, that it can have millions of thinking systems for

every purpose. Man must really learn to think again. Perhaps children think the way we should, and we need a reminder to get back to that natural thought process. Computers and computer modeling have given man time to think, therefore the winner in the competition to come is the one who is thinking best! Top management will be equal in software and data processing as the software companies unify, so the differences will be seen in the companies who can “out think” their market competitors. Computer process data. People process knowledge. Foreknowledge is leverage to change the future!

Next is a sample of a Futurlogics organically defined prospective thinking session. (Note: The Pyramids of God is another application of Futurlogics.) Futurlogics is predominantly a private thinking system, but can be used in a group setting. (“group thinking” is useful in some conditions, but “private thinking” is useful in all conditions.) “private thinking” is organic and “group thinking” is externally defined thinking. “Group thinking” is artificially defined.

First start by reviewing known historical facts, legends, writings on the subject of the session, realizing of course, that the past is not history. This may establish the motives for the research. This will be analogous to pyramid FIVE in this treatise. Now, in this review, point out any repetition that will forecast the future.

- A **cycle** is a thought routine.
- A **mode** is a deductive thought routine.
- A **model** is an inductive thought routine.

(A history of the past gives meaning and tradition. Futurlogics retrospective cycle generates the retrospective mode which produces the absolute future or solution. This cycle is very defensive of “obsolete ideas” and has the effect of volitional restriction, which blunts the creative edge. These expressions are usually so called “proven ideas.”)

Second take the scientific method, and look at the project of the session with a clinical approach. This is similar to some facets of scanning the current information, and gathering it with no prejudgment. This will be analogous to pyramid FOUR in this treatise.

(Observation gives us sequential order, clarity, definition and quantification. Futurlogics observational cycle generates the observational mode, which produces the natural future or solution. This is where we step back (be still,) and look at the propositions with the neutral form of learning. These are ideas every person can see; or, are in consensus. This is similar to the scientific approach to discovery. This is in part a “left brain” approach.)

Third employ the imagination by projecting ideas to the future using extended associations. This will be analogous to pyramid THREE in this treatise. This maybe a definition of “to consider.” The word consider comes from the Latin “com” meaning with and “sidus,” “sideris” meaning star or stars. Thus, consider, defined from its roots in Latin, would be rendered “with the stars.” Thus we have the pyramid of stars (distant lights).

Doctrine and Covenants 84:82

82 For, consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of the world, in all their glory, are not arrayed like one of these.

What if those lilies (stars) of the field (heaven) were metaphors? (Imagination gives us possibilities and brainstorm. Futurlogics imaginary cycle generates the imaginary mode, which produces the imaginary future or solution. These are positive extensions or extrapolations and unusual associations. Thought production that generate ideas for the sake of ideas is the aim.)

Fourth conduct a “What IF?” session next and extend logically. This will be analogous to pyramid TWO in this treatise. This is the effect/affect of substitutions, to roll thought on to greater deliberation. This is essentially the process/perceptive technique of “VISIONING.” This maybe defined as “to ponder” or to weigh things out or to think with the heart. The word ponder comes from the Latin

words “ponderare, pondus, ponderis” meaning “to weigh.” (Assumptions/faith gives us movement (food for thought,) and continuity in the face of the unknown; in other words at the frontiers.

Futurlogics assumptive cycle generates the assumptive mode, which produces the artificial future or solution. These are “what if” extensions or extrapolations and imaginative associations. This is where experiments and risks are suspended, to see what probably will happen. Proofs can be generated by assuming certain things are true, for the sake of continuing the research. This is essentially a “dry lab” of the creative mode. Here is where hypothesizing takes place. In other terms, this is the first creation: a spiritual creation if you will.)

Fifth see what you can make happen or deliberately create now, by providing a conducive environment to free thought with a constructive nature. This will be analogous to pyramid ONE in this treatise. By this time we have considered, pondered, and are now creating. This is “fission and fusion” of ideas to get new ideas. This may require deep meditation.

(Planning and preparation leverages the making or designing of the future. Futurlogics creative cycle generates the creative mode, which produces the synthetic future or solution. This is synthesis not analysis! Here is where ideas are reified. In other terms, this is the second creation: a bringing to temporal reality the plans and hopes of the future. This is in part a “right brain” approach.)

Sixth, where is IT all going? Now envision the probable direction the discussion and discoveries will take this session. This is analogous to pyramid ZERO in this treatise . This mental technique is founded upon all five of the previous modes/models just outlined. (Predicting and prospective thinking uses ‘where is it all going’ type, to go farther. Futurlogics prospective cycle generates the prospective mode, which produces the paradigm future or solution. This is nurturing of the abstract ideas to see ahead. This is re-visioning . This is where the ideas are projected farther up the timeline. A strong vision will be of great use in the “six pyramids”) Author Thomas S. Kuhn, who is attributed to have given us the concept of “paradigm shift,” proposed that the catalyst to revolutionary change in science is the paradigm. This is discussed in his seminal paper “The Structure of Scientific

Revolution.” In this paper, the very posit of science is under investigation, which simply stated is that objective observed facts, will cause knowledge to grow evenly, without subjective input being injected into the findings and research.

Yet, no matter how science is defined, such progress in scientific knowledge, is and was, not smoothly discovered, but scientific knowledge came in fits and starts, bits and bursts. Subjective influences do exist in science, and they are the result of the “paradigm.”

This has been a controversial topic, but simplistically, it can be stated thusly, “the brain behind the ‘senses’ make sense of the ‘senses’ input.” Subjectivity can not be eliminated. The brain is the center of science, and can not be ignored to produce the desired objectivity. Science should “calibrate the brain” to see objectively, as it does with all it’s other instruments. At the center of the brain is it’s own chemistry (word of wisdom,) and it’s own electrical energy (due to man’s spirit in part,) and then it’s own pre-knowledge (faith,) which is the method of learning, and the influence of god upon the mind of man (revelation.)

If any of this is ignored science is not complete in it’s study. Therefore subjectivity and objectivity need balance, and should not work at odds, but should work together. Science that does not recognize the influence of the spirit, or the mind, is not true science.

The paradigm mode should reveal a “paradigm shift.” That is, if we have applied the five previous modes appropriately. We should perceive change, at least in the subjective view of the data, the facts, the information, the knowledge itself. If you have not detected any transforming newness, which feels creative or is at least innovative, then repeat the cycle/modes streaming from the beginning, until there is detected at least a mild “paradigm shift.”

It really does not matter, which of the future(s) have a definitive shift, the mental force to obsolete “old knowledge,” by replacing it with “new knowledge,” is substantial. After one detects the “paradigm shift,” then the Paradigm Mode becomes the Paradigm Model. There should be a revolution in knowledge to follow—this may be defined as the “paradigm lift.”

Let us consider and ponder and meditate upon an example of a “paradigm shift” that transforms into a “paradigm lift.”

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What if you substitute “sap” for the word “substance,” and substitute “sprouts” for the word “evidence” in the previous scripture, to cause a “paradigm shift.” By changing these words now, let us experience the “paradigm lift,” in this definition of faith :

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the sap of things hoped for, the sprouts of things not seen.

Can you feel the “paradigm lift” or the growth in understanding, as this change in wording (“paradigm shift”) portends in defining faith? Sap is the preserving food storage for the tree to survive the winter. Notice how the “holy seed” is the substance that preserves Israel in the following scripture:

Isaiah 6:13

13 But yet in it [shall be] a tenth, and [it] shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance [is] in them, when they cast [their leaves: so] the holy seed [shall be] the substance thereof.

Substance is our “two year supply” to survive the coming “winter.” Notice the word substance may refer to a “two year supply” in the following scripture:

Hebrews 10:34

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

At this stage of the Futurlogics session as many as six futures are generated, from the cycles and modes of Futurlogics. As we examine the futures, to see the impact the newly generated ideas have, on the six streams of thought.

Defining the thought streams in future terms, cause a GENERALIZATION and/or ABSTRACTION of the thought streams, which aids in the synthesis of the streams to two streams. Here there should be sensed, a lift to a higher perspective, where things and modes and thought streams should be seen anew.

The impact to the future(s), and/or, model(s), in this synthesis level could be called VISIONING or REVISIONING. One should be on the verge of a synergy of all the thought streams at this point, in the expanding spiral of Futurlogics. To go even farther, we would need the methods found in the pyramids, to gain the spiritual gifts necessary, to go beyond this “study” level.

The futures together may be seen as:

TIMELINE CONNECTED:

We channel through the absolute future, natural future, paradigm future to the vision of the new knowledge. (channeling as it is used in this sense, is defined as to use one’s own intuition.)

Also the futures together may be seen as:

INTELLIGENCE CONNECTED LEVELS:

We channel through the imaginary future, artificial future, synthetic future to the vision of the new knowledge. (channeling as it is used in this sense, is defined as to use one’s own insight.)

This should bring us to the FUTURLOGICS DMP which is defined as follows:

(D)irect (M)ind (P)erception represents enlightenment in consciousness.
(D)irect (M)ental (P)rocess represents reasoning in truth.

Intelligence is equivalent to the Futurlogics DMP.

Everything is directed to **DMP** in the Futurlogics system.

DMP is the central action principle of VISIONING. Remember DMP is cycle free, mode free thinking. (DMP is short for holistic thinking with insight and intuition fueling the mental synergy.)

Remember:

- A *cycle* is a thought routine.
- A *mode* is a deductive thought routine.
- A *model* is an inductive thought routine.

This is a mode free thinking area (free lance thinking,) to generate a MENTAL VISION of where it is 'all' going, in our considerations and pondering. (Note: we consider with our minds and ponder with our hearts.)

(Modal thinking is a method of thinking that ignores the other methods, and is very focused in using this method exclusively. It is deductive reasoning. This is a form of analysis.)

(Model thinking is a method of thinking that synthesizes the other methods into its method. It is characterized by much unlearning, as new things are introduced. And is very open to using this method inclusively. It is inductive reasoning. Model thinking can be called channeling)

Futurlogics is a system, we can re-loop through in multiple cycles, to produce the expanding spiral of thought, that is the Futurlogics final method/principle or DMP.

All of Futurlogics is founded upon these two scriptures:

Doctrine and Covenants 93:24, 36

24 And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth.

These are Futurlogics modes of truth:

- Absolute mode (things as they were,)
- Natural mode (things as they are,)
- Paradigm mode and model of the future (things as they are to come.)

Intelligence is equivalent to the Futurlogics DMP.

These are Futurlogics modes of light:

- Imagination mode (Power of imagination,)
- Artificial mode (Assumptive / Transforming substitutions,)
- Synthetic mode (Creative forces/ Power.)

These six thought streams are all directed to one end which is DMP:
DMP is a dual acronym deconstructed or decoded next:

(D)irect (M)ind (P)erception and (D)irect (M)ental (P)rocess.

There are six modes/models (streams/perspectives) in Futurlogics.

(D)irect (M)ind (P)erception represents enlightenment in consciousness.

(D)irect (M)ental (P)rocess represents reasoning in truth.

Everything is directed to **DMP** in the Futurlogics system.

DMP



LIGHT and TRUTH



LIGHT is principles of intelligence
LIGHT is intuition and insight
LIGHT is logic and reason

TRUTH is knowledge of future
TRUTH is knowledge of present
TRUTH is knowledge of past

LIGHT COMPLEMENTS : ▼

PRINCIPLES of INTELLIGENCE: Creative mode.....Synthetic future
LOGIC and REASON, VISIONING: Assumptive mode.....Artificial future
INTUITION and INSIGHT: Imaginary mode.....Imaginary future

TRUTH COMPLEMENTS: ▲

FUTURE: Model mode.....Paradigm future
PRESENT: Observational mode.....Natural future
PAST: Retrospective mode.....Absolute future

The six fundamental mental operations central to developing DMP, (the dual defined acronym) or Direct Mind Perception/Direct Mental Process are the balance between:

- CROSS MODE MASKING,
- COMPENSATION ,
- HEURISTICS,
- JUDGMENT,
- CREATIVITY,
- KNOWLEDGE, .

These components are needed to use the whole mind, and are defined next:

CROSS MODE MASKING is the affect from channel or sense blaring, that dominate other inputs, so as to cause an attenuation, or blocking, or mode/cycle style of thought, to the other inputs. The opposite of cross mode masking is compensation. Example, sight dominates the inputs the other senses send. Or sometimes a sound is so loud we loose the ability to see clearly.

COMPENSATION is the heightened thought and sensory awareness, and sensitivity due to a blockage of one channel, or sense, or thought. Example, the blind using all his other remaining senses, to make up for the loss of his sight, will illustrate this effect.

HEURISTICS is the happy discoveries made without logical or patterned thought. It is the improvements made to the mind, because the mind finds new ways to do things, in a “shorthand” fashion. It says, “if it works for me, I’ll use it”, even if it cannot be explained, or if it comes out of the blue, or if it has a self contained logic of its own—because it works!

JUDGMENT is ability to evaluate incomplete data, partial information imperfect knowledge.

CREATIVITY is synthetic thought that combines, builds, adds, to get a new idea or new approach.

KNOWLEDGE is our awakening to existence and power to change self and things.

The future in FUTURLOGICS is used as a provocation to thought, and as a leveler to dogma and academic impedance to new thought and ideas. The future, as total abstraction, develops the mind to deal with things which are purely mental, and only subject to reason and intuition. It is a natural “brain storm.” And finally, the future is a short reference to all the things and events, that we have yet to learn and experience—it is the frontier of the mind. Everywhere future is mentioned, think of the unknown or the horizon of our research.

FUTURLOGICS BASIC COMPONENTS

- 00. **PARADIGM MODEL** (PARADIGM LIFT)
- 0. **PARADIGM MODE** (PARADIGM SHIFT)
- 1. **CREATIVE MODEL** (SPIRITUAL CREATION)
- 2. **ASSUMPTIVE MODEL** (LAY HOLD AND ACT UPON)(FAITH)
- 3. **IMAGINARY MODEL** (INSPIRED IMAGINATION)
- 4. **NATURAL MODEL** (GOD'S PRESENT)
- 5. **ABSOLUTE MODEL** (PAST) (GODS HISTORY)
- 6. **CREATIVE MODE** (TEMPORAL CREATION)
- 7. **ASSUMPTIVE MODE** (FIGURATIVE ACTING OUT OF IMAGINATION)
- 8. **IMAGINARY MODE** (MAN'S IMAGINATION)
- 9. **NATURAL MODE** (OBSERVABLE NOW SENSES)
- 10. **ABSOLUTE MODE** (HISTORY ACCORDING TO MAN)

FUTURLOGICS PARTNERS OR THOUGHT STREAMS:

PARADIGM FUTURE:

- 00. **PARADIGM MODEL** Paradigm Lift View/Vision
- 0. **PARADIGM MODE** Paradigm Shift

SYNTHETIC FUTURE :

- 1. **CREATIVE MODEL** Spiritual Creation
- 6. **CREATIVE MODE** Temporal Creation

ARTIFICIAL FUTURE :

- 2. **ASSUMPTIVE MODEL** Action To Make Real, Faith Model
- 7. **ASSUMPTIVE MODE** Action To Facilitate Action

IMAGINARY FUTURE :

- 3. **IMAGINARY MODEL** Imagine The Real
- 8. **IMAGINARY MODE** Imagine The Unreal

NATURAL FUTURE :

- 4. **NATURAL MODEL** Cosmos At Present
- 9. **NATURAL MODE** Observable Now

ABSOLUTE FUTURE :

- 5. **ABSOLUTE MODEL** Gods History Or The Past
- 10. **ABSOLUTE MODE** History According To Man

Next is an example of how the paradigm of Futurlogics enables the powers of discernment, in using what you already know to discern. To exemplify this “observer effect” of Futurlogics to see further into the scriptures, let us take from the Book of Proverbs, six verses.

(If you have already read the chapters on the pyramids, then notice how these verses interweave the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Gifts by suggestion. Otherwise you should now go to read the pyramids sections.)

Notice how certain pieces of the next quoted scripture, will resonate with the foundational pattern of Futurlogics:

- **Proverbs 3:1-6** (King James Version of the Bible).
1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

Retrospective mode of the absolute future to use memory—retain in thought. (Forget not!)

Pyramid of Personal Worth (Past).

- 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee

Observational mode of the natural future uses our senses and industry, as children are ‘added’ to you, due to the commandment to honor parents. In those days your retirement and security, was in your children. This is the daily interaction with the material world. The world we observe before our eyes (senses). This is the science of life.

Pyramid of Good Works (present).

- 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

Imaginary mode of the imaginary future (tablet of your heart.) Imaginative powers used to control and spiritually create and “see” within first. The neck can turn the head or ‘guide your principles with power of choice’.

Pyramid of Stars (Distant Lights) (imagination).

- 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Assumptive mode of the artificial future, where the rubber meets the road, to meet the unknown, to handle the unexpected with faith and good assertions, to experiment mentally, and to prove and propose. We ‘find’ by first assuming that it will be somewhere, then we look there. We assume by favoring certain ‘ifs’ above others. It is being lucky in guesses, by educated guesses or assertions. Let us assume we will win / win.

Pyramid of the Moon (reflected light “in the sight of God and man”)

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

Creative mode of the synthetic future where plans and preparation are founded, upon the laws of the universe and higher sources. When we create, we apply our ideas to what does not yet exist, before our eyes. Trusting is the blueprint (LORD,) from which we can build by not doubting. To “lean” does not mean to completely forsake our own thoughts, but it means to “allow in” new ideas, which promote greater thoughts. We mentally create first with plans and preparations, then we physically carry out plans and preparations with our “own understanding.” Creative persons trust they can create even, when “evidence” says that it can’t work. The creative personality ‘feels’ his way to new ideas.

Pyramid of the Sun (source of light where true creative intelligence originates)

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

Prospective mode of the paradigm future(s), where this division of the future converges as both a mode and a model in one, and the active shift of the paradigm occurs. Where the path ahead is mapped and forecast, by this gestalt of “all thy ways.” To have a map of the unknown or the future(s), can be a great directing force. A clear view of what is ahead helps in the decision making process. The acknowledgment of God is the spirit of prophesy.

Pyramid of Futures (continuations, unceasing eye, spirit with Spirit)

Afterthoughts:

Numbers 11:25-29

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

(Training the mind, to capture and preserve first impressions, can be very useful to creativity, insight, intuition. First impressions, if not protected can be mutated, by thinking that does not respect inspiration.)

APPENDIX B:

THE BE's of PRESIDENT GORDON B. HINCKLEY

This is an exercise to test the application of the pyramids using the six B's of President Gordon B. Hinckley taken from the Ensign Magazine as noted:

("A Prophet's Counsel and Prayer for Youth," Ensign, January 2001, pages 2-11.)

There are six original BE's which parallel the pyramids:

- Be Grateful
- Be Smart
- Be Clean
- Be True
- Be Humble
- Be Prayerful

Six BE's from President Gordon B. Hinckley

Be Grateful

Walk with gratitude in your hearts, my dear friends. Be thankful for the wonderful blessings which are yours. Be grateful for the tremendous opportunities that you have. Be thankful to your parents, who care so very much about you and who have worked so very hard to provide for you. Let them know that you are grateful. Say thank you to your mother and your father. Say thank you to your friends. Say thank you to your teachers. Express appreciation to everyone who does you a favor or assists you in any way. Thank the Lord for His goodness to **you**.

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF PERSONAL WORTH

with the Eye of the Chrysalis

(promises, gifts, transformation, self-actualization, self-transcendence, memory)

Be Smart

The Lord wants you to educate your minds and hands, whatever your chosen field. Whether it be repairing refrigerators, or the work of a skilled surgeon, you must train yourselves. Seek for the best schooling available. Become a **workman of integrity** in the world that lies ahead of you. I repeat, you will bring honor to the Church and you will be generously blessed because of that training.

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF GOOD WORKS

with the Eye of stillness (Be still, and know . . .)? (Is study a type of stillness?)

Be Clean

Avoid evil talk. Do not take the name of the Lord in vain. . . .Choose your friends carefully. . . . While you should be friendly with all people, select with great care those whom you wish to have close to you. . . . Be clean. Don't waste your time in **destructive entertainment**. . . . How truly beautiful is a well-groomed young woman who is clean in body and mind. She is a daughter of God in whom her Eternal Father can take pride. How handsome is a young man who is well groomed. He is a son of God, deemed worthy of holding the holy priesthood of God. He does not need tattoos or earrings on or in his body. The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve are all united in counseling against these things. . . .There is no need for any Latter-day Saint boy or girl, young man or young woman, to even try [drugs]. Stay clean from these mind-altering and habit-forming addictions.

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF STARS (DISTANT LIGHTS)

with the Eye of thoughts?

Be True

Be loyal to the Church under all circumstances. I make you a promise that the authorities of this Church will never lead you astray. They will lead you in paths of happiness. . . .Be true to your own convictions. You know what is right, and you know what is wrong. You know when you are doing the proper thing. You know when you are giving strength to the right cause. Be **loyal**. Be **faithful**. Be true.

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF THE MOON (REFLECTED LIGHT)

with the Eye of virtue?

Be Humble

The Lord has said, “Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers” (Doctrine and Covenants 112:10). . . . I believe the meek and the humble are those who are teachable. They are willing to learn. They are willing to listen to the whisperings of the still, small voice for guidance in their lives. They **place the wisdom of the Lord above their own wisdom.**

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF THE SUN

with the Eye of garnishing or eye of garnishment?

Be Prayerful

You need His help, and you know that you need His help. You cannot do it alone. You will come to realize that and recognize that more and more as the years pass. So live that in **good conscience** you can speak with the Lord. Get on your knees and thank Him for His goodness to you and express to Him the righteous desires of your hearts. The miracle of it all is that He hears. He responds. He answers— not always as we might wish He would answer, but there is no question in my mind that He answers.

Did you see in this BE any of the attributes of the following pyramid:

PYRAMID OF FUTURES PYRAMID OF CONTINUATIONS

with the unceasing eye. **1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.

See if you can find which pyramid they belong in the list below?

Be Wise	Jacob 6:12 O be wise; what can I say more?
Be Thoughtful	Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart [is] not with thee.
Be Still	Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I [am] God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
Be Perfect	Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
Be of Good Cheer	Matthew 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
Be not afraid	Matthew 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.
Be Merciful	Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
Be Holy	1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

APPENDIX C:

NEED FOR THE HOLY GHOST SCRIPTURES

TRUTH:

Moroni 10:5

5 And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

LIGHT:

Moroni 10:6

6 And whatsoever thing is good is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is.

TEN GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT:

Doctrine and Covenants 46:13-25

- 13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.

- 14 To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.

- 15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.

- 16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

- 17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.
18 To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.

- 19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;
20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

- 21 And again, to some is given the working of miracles;

- 22 And to others it is given to prophesy;

- 23 And to others the discerning of spirits.

- 24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;
25 And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

APPENDIX D:

RIGHT BRAIN METAPHOR OR LEFT BRAIN METAPHOR

In 1981 Roger W. Sperry, David H. Hubel, Torsten N. Wiesel shared a Nobel Prize for their contribution to “Split Brain Experiment Game,” which has laid the ground work for the modern “right brain”, “left brain” metaphor.

“Right Brain,” “Left Brain” metaphor as applied to the Pyramids of God:

Ten Commandments are “left brain” centered, yet honoring parents may be suggestive of “right brained,” if honor is an internal attribute, but is “left brain” when behaviorally described.

Beatitudes are “right brain” centered.

The exact physiology may differ with the left handed person, but the concept is only reversed, which means that the Ten Commandments in this case, are “right brain” and likewise the Beatitudes are “left brain.” Nevertheless, there are some persons who can think holistically with no compartmentalization of the brain.

Useful as these metaphors are, the “whole brain” metaphor will be the better tool, for explaining the Pyramid of God paradigm. Let us imagine then, that the “right brain” and the “left brain,” are not at odds with each other, but complement one another in unity.

The whole brain suggest the usage of the gifts of the Spirit in this metaphor as they are in the background of thoughts. If we have gifts we can think holistically.

APPENDIX E:

FOLDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO FIVE PARTNERS FOLDING THE TEN BEATITUDES TO FIVE PARTNERS FOLDING THE TEN GIFTS TO FIVE PARTNERS

The primary commandments of this dispensation are in the following verses in the Doctrine and Covenants:

Doctrine and Covenants 59:5-6

5 Wherefore, I give unto them a commandment, saying thus: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength; and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him.

6 Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt not steal; neither commit adultery, nor kill, nor do anything like unto it.

All the succeeding Ten Commandments are embodied in the preceding commandments:

COMMANDMENT 1 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Trust God alone.

COMMANDMENT 2 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

Don't worship substitutes for God.

COMMANDMENT 3 *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

Reverence the Name of God which is His property.

COMMANDMENT 4 *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

Produce good works from the Earth in your endeavors.

COMMANDMENT 5 *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

Establish good traditions.

Respect God's flock commandments: (Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.)

COMMANDMENT 6 *Thou shalt not kill.*

Respect neighbor's personal survival.

COMMANDMENT 7 *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Respect neighbor's family.

COMMANDMENT 8 *Thou shalt not steal.*

Respect neighbor's property.

COMMANDMENT 9 *Thou shalt not bare false witness against thy neighbor.*

Respect neighbor's society of good will and his reputation.

COMMANDMENT 10 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

Respect neighbor's following and neighbor's flock (house) . These all answer the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Applying the same folding schema of the Ten Commandments to the Ten Beatitudes, we see the following pattern:

MODEL BEATITUDES: (Melchizedec level or the more spiritual Beatitudes.)

These are addressed more outwardly or toward God.

BEATITUDE 1 *And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:3

3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

BEATITUDE 2 *And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am. Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins*

Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 5:partial 3-4

and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am. 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

BEATITUDE 3 *Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

BEATITUDE 4 *And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

BEATITUDE 5 *And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

MODAL BEATITUDES: (Aaronic level of Beatitudes or temporal Beatitudes.)

These are more personally addressed.

BEATITUDE 6 *And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

BEATITUDE 7 *And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

BEATITUDE 8 *And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

BEATITUDE 9 *And blessed are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of god.*

BEATITUDE 10 *And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake; for ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

Can you see the same mosaic in the Beatitudes as in the Ten Commandments?

Nevertheless all priesthood is Melchizedec in the final analysis.

Again applying the same schema of the Ten Beatitudes to the Gifts, we see the following pattern as we likewise fold the Ten Gifts:

MODEL GIFTS: (Melchizedec level or the more spiritual Gifts.)

First five gifts are personal but addressed more toward God.

Doctrine and Covenants 46:13-25

GIFT 1

● *13 To some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world.*

GIFT 2

● *14 To others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life if they continue faithful.*

GIFT 3

● *15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of the children of men.*

GIFT 4

● *16 And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.*

GIFT 5

- *17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some is given, by the Spirit of God, the word of wisdom.*
18 To another is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge.

MODAL GIFTS: (Aaronic level of Gifts or the more temporal Gifts.)

These five gifts are personal but addressed more toward neighbors .

GIFT 6

- *19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed;*
20 And to others it is given to have faith to heal.

GIFT 7

- *21 And again, to some is given the working of miracles;*

GIFT 8

- *22 And to others it is given to prophesy;*

GIFT 9

- *23 And to others the discerning of spirits.*

GIFT 10

- *24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues;*
25 And to another is given the interpretation of tongues.

Can you see the same mosaic in the Gifts as in the Ten Commandments and Ten Beatitudes?

Again all priesthood is Melchizedec in the final analysis.

APPENDIX F:

THE MAMMON OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

or

THE UNJUST STEWARD

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(Luke chapter sixteen leaves one to conclude that Jesus is the Mammon of Unrighteousness. Evidently with two economies, one to reflect the value system of the spiritual, and the other to reflect the values of the temporal. Yet, God sees all things as spiritual, and all spirit is matter, only more pure or refined, and when we are purified, we will see it is all matter. This walking between these two apparent economies is the will of God, and since Jesus came to do the will of the Father, He is the Mammon of Unrighteousness, to distribute and minister all economies, according to the will and purposes of the Father, to fulfill the designs of God, to destine the future or the fullness of the Father.)

Jeremiah 32:27

27 Behold I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me?

LUKE Chapter 16:1-14 of the New Testament

1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

Jesus is the steward and the rich man is the Father. We, as the mortal children of God are the wasted goods (fallen man).

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Judgment day for all, unless some atonement is given or worked out.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

Jesus is standing in for us, and will answer in our behalf due to our pride.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

Here is the mission of the Savior, to be our brother and come to live with us forever.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

So the call to repentance is given to all, and the baby Jesus is born to call all, to come unto God.

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

We have to work out our salvation in fear and trembling, and then the grace of god is sufficient to pay the difference, in the severity of our transgression from sin and rebellion.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

We are the customers of our Father in Heaven, and Jesus has won us to Him with his atonement and cross. By the Father acknowledging the Son before all the world, He receives us back into His Kingdom, and are then the customers again in the future work or "gospel business."

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

This may be advice to the apostles or disciples, to not forget that bringing souls to the Father, is more important than enforcing judgment on the sinner, or the customers of the gospel.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

This is a promise to the leaders of the gospel, to use all the wisdom of god and be forgiving, to perfect the people of god, or there would be no disciples, to follow the preachers in this world. Every soul is of great worth to God, and none is to be overlooked as the least. They that are “faithful in that which is least” are the “poor in spirit.”

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

If you cannot be faithful in the work of salvation of man, then how can God save you, and reward you with the glory to come.

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

The true value of all things will be found in the economy of God. Though, we are required to use the materials of this world, to work out the mission of this life. It is incumbent upon us to keep all things in perspective, and to have an eye single to the glory of god. Is not Jesus the master teacher. Let us then learn of the Mammon of Unrighteousness.

Thus verse 14: And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things; and they derided him.

Note: This parable was also in answer to the accusation of the Pharisees, per verse two of Luke chapter 15, which says, “And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. So when they took the rich man to be themselves and Jesus was diluting their pure doctrine, to accept those cast out as sinners, by lowering the standards of debt (sin).

Postscript: Mammon of traditional meaning is the idolater’s god of riches, and the personification of worldliness. It is the spirit of avarice. Jesus has a giving and a granting personality, which is unrighteous to this traditional meaning of the mammon, and thus Jesus can be called “The Wise Accountant of the true riches.” Incidentally Jesus is “poor in spirit” as He is so blessed. A quick reference to the “poor in spirit” is, the Unjust Steward or the above described “Mammon of Unrighteousness.” If you can understand the parable of the Unjust Steward, then you can understand the beatitude of the “poor in spirit”.

APPENDIX G:

THE EYES IN THE SCRIPTURES

EYES as mentioned in the scriptures:

(All references to EYE or EYES will be capitalized for emphasis.)

Moses 1:27

27 And it came to pass, as the voice was still speaking, Moses cast his EYES and beheld the earth, yea, even all of it; and there was not a particle of it which he did not behold, discerning it by the spirit of God.

This inner spiritual vision beheld the very particle of the earth. There has never been a scientific instrument to accomplish such sensory view of the smallest elemental particle, of the elemental makeup of this earth.

Matthew 7:3- 5

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's EYE, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own EYE?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine EYE; and, behold, a beam [is] in thine own EYE?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own EYE; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's EYE.

Our inner vision needs consideration, to see clearly.

Matthew 13:15

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their EYES they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] EYES, and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Eyes metaphorically are prerequisite to understanding.

Matthew 13:16

16 But blessed [are] your EYES, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Eyes are very important witnesses of great things, to later testify to those who would believe your witness.

Luke 11:34

34 The light of the body is the EYE: therefore when thine EYE is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when [thine EYE] is evil, thy body also [is] full of darkness.

Luke 24:16

16 But their EYES were holden that they should not know him.

Luke 24:31

31 And their EYES were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Our eyes can be closed and opened according to the will of the Lord.

Ether 12:19

19 And there were many whose faith was so exceedingly strong, even before Christ came, who could not be kept from within the veil, but truly saw with their EYES the things which they had beheld with an EYE of faith, and they were glad.

“With an eye of faith” is to be noted here in this verse.

Doctrine and Covenants 77:4

4 Q. What are we to understand by the EYES and wings, which the beasts had? A. Their EYES are a representation of light and knowledge, that is, they are full of knowledge; and their wings are a representation of power, to move, to act, etc.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:11

11 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;

Doctrine and Covenants 110:1

1 The veil was taken from our minds, and the EYES of our understanding were opened.

Doctrine and Covenants 76:12

12 By the power of the Spirit our EYES were opened and our understandings were enlightened, so as to see and understand the things of God—

Doctrine and Covenants 76:19

19 And while we meditated upon these things, the Lord touched the EYES of our understandings and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about.

Doctrine and Covenants 76:22-24

22 And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all which we give of him: That he lives!

23 For we SAW him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

24 That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

“ For we saw Him. “

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