

# Chapter 1

## The Circle of Truth ...Claiming Our “In...heritance!”

Imagine you are this circle and that all truth is encompassed within it. The circle represents a personal mystery<sup>i</sup> that can **only** be awakened within! The reason it is called a mystery is because only you can experience it! It represents the **potential** in all people, including the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the God or Gods of all religions. There is not a God or individual that is not represented by this circle. The line down the middle of the circle represents our agency or choice. We are each responsible for the “**attributes**” we create! Which “side” of the circle we build upon is the character and kingdom<sup>ii</sup> we are creating for ourselves. When it comes to our greatest **potential**, it matters not what DNA, race, culture or religion we come from,<sup>iii</sup> for the ultimate decision of **character** is based on what we choose to **personify and believe within our heart of hearts!** We are “Spiritual Beings”<sup>iv</sup> of “Light, Truth and Intelligence.”<sup>v</sup> We can fulfill our own destiny through the “Unconditional Attributes & **beliefs** of Freedom” or the “Conditional Attributes & **beliefs** of Bondage!”<sup>vi</sup> The secret is in the power of our “**beliefs!**” Beliefs generate our “feelings” or “emotions” therefore our power, vibration, energy or faith is released. “Feelings” come from our Unconditional Thinking or Freedom side, whereas our “emotions” come from Conditional Thinking; both are opposites and apart of whom we are!



The "Unconditional Attributes of Freedom" is the path to a ***"fullness of truth,"*** of holiness,<sup>vii</sup> of atonement in 3D<sup>viii</sup>, of harmony, peace, miracles, healings and the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection! Christ became the atonement and said "come follow me" into this truth and the truth will make you free. All people will eventually embrace either a ***"fullness of the Truth"*** or a ***"portion of the Truth"***<sup>ix</sup>. By accepting ***the beliefs*** that reflect the "Unconditional Attributes of Freedom" is to experience a ***"Fullness of Truth;"*** which "is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;<sup>x</sup>" from Gods perspective<sup>xi</sup>! Any ***belief*** system which embraces "conditional beliefs" or thinking; becomes the veil and ideology that separates one

from fulfilling ones greatest *potential*; that of understanding we are a self-existing being, co-equal and co-eternal with God<sup>xii</sup>!

As we have experiences, and are willing to test the “Unconditional Attributes of Freedom” we begin to discover “*the beliefs of God*” and realize this *potential* is inherent in us all. We begin to respect and honor the “spirit of truth” that is in and through all things and which connects and binds us together in holiness of character. The key to interpreting all “conditions of the law,” or commandments from God is to view them symbolically and not judgmentally; spiritually and not temporally<sup>xiii</sup> so that our thoughts, *beliefs* and intents of our heart embrace the “Spirit of the Law.” The “Holy Spirit” or “Holy Ghost” is the mystery of inner holiness we must each discover for ourselves. Ultimately it is the “unconditional path of love, honesty and virtue;” without any intent of judgment, anger or blame<sup>xiv</sup> in our *beliefs*, words, or deeds.

“Religion<sup>xv</sup>” and its laws, ordinances and ceremonies are here to awaken and bless all mankind with the unconditional grace of a godly character! That is the true purpose of religion!<sup>xvi</sup> However, many have interpreted and used their doctrine to judge another’s by the “letter of the law” rather than becoming one with the “spirit of the law.” In reality, our *potential character* is the “*only religion*” or *plan of happiness* that is co-equal and co-eternal with God and all people regardless of race! Religion has sadly become a weapon of judgment, war, rather than an opportunity to seek and embrace a character of godliness and holiness. If we only understood how our character, *beliefs* and behavior affect the whole of the creation process we would have more reverence and honor for each other and life itself. “Religion” is an important test for mankind... to see if he/she will seek, find and embrace a character and attributes of godliness in all our worship, work, play and endeavors without any conditional “judgment” involved. Judgment is mans greatest obstacle in fulfilling his greatest potential. Christ taught this truth:

1 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 (a “mote” is an external symbol of a religious structure or external traditions of a culture and/or politics that man uses to judge, exalt or blame others by) that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam (a “beam” is another external symbol of a religious structure or external traditions of our culture and/or politics that man uses to judge, exalt or blame others by) 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. (In both cases the “mote of

judgment” and the “beam of judgment” must be cast out in order that unconditional clarity of “heart” and “mind” can awaken in us and be manifest in us).<sup>xvii</sup>

“Judgment” is always connected to “structures” or “forms;” and comes with a host of emotions. It has ruined more relationships, individuals, families, homes, tribes, cultures, business, governments, religions, nations, countries, races, friendships with broken hearts, despair, lies, greed, separation, lust, war, anger, worry, stress and hate than any other characteristic or attribute of the human character! It is poison to the soul! It cunningly damns any individual who embraces it! The only way to get rid of it; is not to use it or engage in it; it is that simple! To be aware of it is the first step of healing, but to give it our energy and obedience is damming. If we change our thinking to the “unconditional” path of unconditional love, unconditional honesty with deep beliefs and feelings, our lives will change forever!<sup>xviii</sup> The truest mark of our success in life will be the noble, virtuous and honest character we develop! To seek God “face to face” is the greatest quest we can aspire to in mortality. Finding others with this same desire is a priceless blessing! This is how we claim our *inheritance* / birthright and become one with God!

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<sup>i</sup> Colossians 1:27, 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:16; Revelations 10:7; D&C 19:10 “the mystery of godliness”

<sup>ii</sup> Luke 17:21 “for behold the kingdom of God is within you.”

<sup>iii</sup> Romans 2:11-29; James 2:9-10; Alma 1:30 “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a righteous law unto themselves: which shew the work of the law written in their hearts...”

<sup>iv</sup> Abraham 3:18 Our “spirits...have no beginning...they shall have no end...they...are eternal.” “God never had the power to create the spirit of man, God himself could not create himself” (Joseph Smith, WofJS pg. 346). Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11-29; James 2:9-10; Alma 1:30 “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons”

<sup>v</sup> D&C 93:23 “Ye were also in the beginning with the Father that which is Spirit even the Spirit of Truth...of intelligence, the light of truth...(our Spirit) “was not created or made neither indeed can be.” So, “Who am I really?” Potentially, we are a Spirit of truth, a Holy Spirit/Ghost! “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you” (1 Cor. 6: 19). “It is given to abide in you; the record of heaven; the Comforter...the truth of all things” (Moses 6: 61-62).

<sup>vi</sup> 2 Nephi 2: 11-13 “there is an opposition in all things” D&C 101: 78 “moral agency”

<sup>vii</sup> Please read: LDS Bible Dictionary “Holiness” pg. 703 “**The value of worship in the eyes of God depends upon the personal character of the**

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**worshipper”**...not the race or religion we belong to! “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction, and to keep unspotted from the world” (James 1: 27).

<sup>viii</sup> **One in Attribute with God** (Galatians 5: 22-25); **One on One in a “face to face” with God** (Hosea 5:3; D&C 101:38) **One in Thought & Beliefs with God** (John 15: 4-13; 17) to the degree we “experience” what Christ experienced in Gethsemane through the Spirit! Nothing is withheld if we are “one” with God! “Abide in me...that ye may be made perfect!” This is Atonement in 3Dimensions...(1) when our Attributes & Character have reached the same perfection with God and (2) we seek and experience a “face to face” with God himself, and (3) when our Thoughts and Beliefs are the same as the Father (Romans 15:6; Philippians 2:2; Moses 7:18).

<sup>ix</sup> D&C 88: “quicken by a portion” We perceive and believe only what we are willing to accept as our truth! Do you want to see “Father” through “Fathers eyes” or someone else’s? If through Fathers eyes then we must be “holy” as he is “holy” and as we begin to personify the “same” attributes of godliness in our lives as He, we begin to see truth through His eyes! Joseph Smith said: “My first objective is to find out the character of the only wise and true God...so that the Spirit seals that character upon our hearts!” (TPJS pg. 344).

<sup>x</sup> D&C 93:24-40 “And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come”

<sup>xi</sup> D&C 29:34-35 “**all my commandments are spiritual**; they are not natural nor temporal, neither carnal nor sensual.” “All things that God sees fit to reveal to us in relation to us, he reveals this commandments to our spirits, and in saving our spirits we save our body” (WJS pg. 346)

<sup>xii</sup> “Man was also in the beginning with God...the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be” (D&C 93:24) Joseph Smith taught that “God is a self-existing being and man exists upon the same principle” (WJS 346). This makes our relationship with God co-equal and co-eternal with Him! In other words we are (1) co-equal in the sense that our potential to become as God is; is inherent and innate to each of us. Therefore the “power” and ability to “become” even as He is; is up to each one of us... we will do this unconditionally or conditionally depending upon the beliefs we embrace! And (2) we are co-eternal in the sense that our “Spirits” have always existed in perfect form and it is up to each one of us to re-connect to that perfect form, (our Holy Spirit is that perfect form) in accord with the “beliefs” we choose to manifest, with the power to bring forth an immortal resurrected body in Celestial, Terrestrial or Telestial awareness and Glory.

<sup>xiii</sup> D&C 29: 34-35 “all my commandments are spiritual.” We all have the opportunity to know for ourselves. “If ye cannot understand ...it will be because ye ask not, neither do ye knock; wherefore, ye are not brought into the light ...the Holy Ghost will show unto you all things (even) manifest (Christ and the Father) unto you in the flesh” (2 Nephi 32:4-6).

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<sup>xiv</sup> 1 John 4:6; D&C 88:6,29-31; 50: 17-23; 93: 23-26; John 10:22-42; Isaiah 41:23; Psalms 82:5-8

<sup>xv</sup> “Our long term objective...is the building of the character in the members of the Church...rescuing all that is finest down deep inside them, and bringing to flower and fruitage the latent richness of the spirit, which after all is the mission and purpose and reason for being of this Church” (James E. Faust: Strengthening the inner self: Ensign February 2003)

<sup>xvi</sup> Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11-29; James 2:9-10; Alma 1:30 “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons”

<sup>xvii</sup> Matthew 7:1-5 Judge not others but honor and respect the “god potential” that is in all people whether they see it or not. Seek to see and understand the “Truth” that is in and through all things.

<sup>xviii</sup> These are my personal feelings and beliefs at this time in my life. If you have questions or comments, you can address them to Kenneth Card’s email:

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