

Chapter 2

Two Dreams or Visions of Kenneth Card

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1st Dream: “I found myself clothed in the form and symbolism of Mormon tradition (the robes of the holy priesthood) and yet, I was chained to the inner foundation of the SLC temple. I wondered why I was chained to the inner foundation of the temple when I had done everything correctly within my faith. I looked up and was able to see through the stone, mortar, and ceiling of the temple into the heavens where I saw Father and Christ. I so wanted to ascend up and be with them but the chain kept me bound to the inner foundation of the temple.

As I pondered why I was chained, the Savior knowing my thoughts immediately asked me to look closely at the chain that held me bound. I turned and looked, and to my view, each link of the chain transcended its normal iron look and I saw the first link as my birth into this world. Then, link two: I saw my father giving me a “name and a blessing” as an infant. And when I turned 8 years old..., another link was my baptism. I saw my father baptize me and lay hands on my head and confirmed me a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and I heard him say to me: “receive the Holy Ghost.” ...Each link of the chain continued to show to me all the ordinances and ceremonies I had gone through as a priesthood member of the church, up to and including being ordained a High Priest in the Melchizedek priesthood. I saw myself and my wonderful wife Karen being sealed in the sacred ordinance of marriage at the altar in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Each link revealed to me everything I had been asked to do; and I said, looking at the Savior, “What have I left undone?” He immediately asked me to “look at the chain again, but this time look deeper into the links.” I turned back to the chain that was holding me down to the inner foundation of the temple, and I saw each link transform into the attributes of godliness and holiness of character! I saw that the first link closest to the inner foundation of the temple was “unconditional love” and then each link continued with “unconditional honesty,” “unconditional virtue,” “unconditional... patience, kindness, mercy, justice...”

And then I saw a link that said “no respecter of persons” (I knew this was about judgment, “Judge not, that ye be not judged”) and when I saw this link, I looked around me and saw some from within the temple dressed in the robes of the holy priesthood ascend to the Father and Christ and I so wanted to ascend with them. My eyes were guided out through the walls of the temple again and saw very few people from all cultures and races who were not members of the church who were ascending up to the Father and Christ clothed in beautiful white robes taking their place as “Gods,” being one in attribute and character and perfections with God. I then turned to the Savior and said: “Oh, now I understand” and the chain that held me bound, broke, and I thought I was free to ascend, but I stopped and thought to myself, “why the deceit of ordinances and ceremonies if people who are not members of the church can be ‘Gods’ without going through all the ordinances that I had gone through.” Immediately the Savior answered me and said: “The deceit was in me!” I then realized I was judging the ordinances and ceremonies as being deceitful from my judgmental perspective, and the Lord was letting me know the deceit was in me, and when I realized that, and let go of it, the chain within me broke and I was free to ascend. I was given to understand from the Savoir that the ordinances and ceremonies of all religions are "symbolic" and have many spiritual overtones for us to respect and allow the Spirit to teach each individual as they are ready and willing to learn. I learned that the ordinances and ceremonies of all religions are manifestations of the truth and are to point our hearts and minds to the true nature of worship, of godliness, and holiness of character within. I then felt a huge load of judgment leave me and I found myself truly free and ascended to my Father in Heaven and Christ.

2nd Dream: “I saw myself on the earth with many, many people and saw a rope going straight up to Heaven. I desired to begin the climb because I knew it was going to take me to my Father in Heaven and Christ. I realized that the rope has always been available to all people but the distractions of the world were keeping most from looking up and taking hold of the rope. As I began the climb I found it difficult and noticed a knot in the rope just ahead. Once there I realized the knot was my birth into mortality and at the same time, the knot became a place of rest, where I could gain strength before I continue to the next knot. Once at the second knot I became aware that it was my baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and so on, each knot I arrived at was an experience within my

chosen Mormon faith, such as: receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying of hands, priesthood ordinations, temple endowment, a temple marriage, the birth of each of our children. All these knots brought back to me many wonderful experiences, memories, and blessings.

As I approached what I thought was the last knot I met the Savior, Jesus Christ, and this knot opened up into a wonderful place with many, many people who were enjoying the company and friendship of the Savior. It was truly a wonderful place and very peaceful because the Savior was there. I was not there very long, because I had a thought come to my mind, and as the thought came to my mind the Savior approached me and said: “You want to go to the Father don’t you?” And I said: “Yes!” He told me to look up, and as I did I saw the rope again. He told me the journey to the Father would be very difficult because there would not be any knots in the rope where I could stop and rest and gain strength. He told me there would be people coming down the rope who, “gave up” because of the difficulty of letting go of beliefs that are filled with judgment and false beliefs that damn one’s progression to Father. I told the Savior I really wanted to go, so He embraced me and gave me a blessing, and I departed.

Everything He told me came to pass. It was a very difficult climb, especially meeting individuals coming down the same rope I was going up. They would climb over top of me, and it seemed almost unbearable because I felt everything they were feeling. It wasn’t the physical burden that was hard to bear but it was all their fear, grief, pain, false beliefs, sorrow, sin, blame, and especially judgment that they were unwilling to let go of at this time. I remember wanting to help them, but all I could do for them was express my love and forgive them by honoring their choice, which I did. As they were departing down the rope, I felt to bless and pray for them in my heart as they passed by; which seemed to strengthen my resolve to continue on. I realized then, that the Lord had done the same for me, you, and everyone else as He climbed the same rope.

When I finally got to the top I saw the Father and I will never forget as His arms wrap around me and tears of joy fell from my eyes. He knew exactly what I had gone through. He asked me to look down at the rope I had climbed up and when I looked, I saw the rope penetrate every person’s spirit (mind and heart), but most were not aware of it. The interesting thing to me was that from the Father’s

perspective there were never any knots in the rope. And the rope, as I was to understand were all the “Attributes of Godliness” (which is the light of Christ or of Truth) that are innately a part of every person, but most were not aware of it; and these “Attributes of Godliness” are our potential, which connected us all together and sealed us to Him from Father’s perspective.

I saw that all those who were with the Savior saw only their knots (beliefs filled with judgment) in the rope and did not see that “god” was in every person from Father’s perspective, a knotless rope. The beautiful thing is, is that the rope without knots is always available, all the time, to everyone!

What did I learn from these dreams? Many things about myself, and am still learning, but most important: That no matter who “I am” or what culture or religion I may choose to be a part of; ...to “Be Holy” (*1) in character is the “TRUTH” that God our Heavenly Father and Christ hope we will see and understand. To know I can become like Them in character and attribute is to fulfill my greatest potential. To realize this is a mystery that can only be experienced individually! So, it makes no sense to me, to judge others over the outward “forms or structures” of religion (“formalism”) ... but I should surely honor and respect the “god” within each person, and thank “God” in gratitude for the diversity of religions that flower the earth with the fragrance of “TRUTH” which is in and through all things, especially the heart and soul of mankind! So, if “I am” a Christian, Mormon, Catholic, Jew, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim or whatever (*2) ... I should be the “BEST” of whatever “I am,” by seeking a godly character, first in my own life and relationships, and be grateful for “the image of God” that “I am” a part of, in joy, in peace, in virtue, in honesty, in unconditional love for everyone!

I don't see other people’s experience with Christ as contradictory but ever-expanding into the many dimensions that Christ can appear on personal levels and be interpreted. The "core doctrine" of the Gods is to me, based on our ability to "manifest the truth" (the fruit) from the “tree of life” within ourselves, and not the fruit from the “tree of knowledge of good and evil!” Hence these scriptures have personal meaning to the past, present and future of mankind, even though ordinances are different, or change throughout time, the spiritual meaning is the same yesterday, today and forever!

(*1) ***“Be holy for I am holy”***

“According to the Old Testament, things or places were holy that were set apart for a sacred purpose; the opposite of holy is therefore common or profane ([1 Sam. 21:5](#); [Ezek. 22:26](#); [42:20](#); [44:23](#); [48:13–15](#)). Similarly, a holy person meant one who held a sacred office. The Israelites were a holy people because they stood in a special relationship to Jehovah. Under the guidance of the Prophets, it was seen that what distinguished Jehovah from the gods of the heathen was His personal character. The word holy therefore came to refer to moral character ([Lev. 11:44](#); [19:2](#); [21:8](#); [Isa. 6:3–8](#)). Israel must be holy in character because the God of Israel was holy ([Jer. 7:4–7](#); see also [Matt. 5:48](#)). ***The Law of Holiness*** ([Lev. 17–26](#)) ***shows how the attempt was made by means of ceremonial observances*** to secure this holiness of character. ***The attempt failed*** because the later Jews observed the letter and neglected the spirit; they attached more importance to the ceremonial than to the moral; and the result was a lapse into formalism. But in the writings of the Prophets, it is clearly laid down ***that the value of worship in the eyes of God depends upon the personal character of the worshipper.***” (LDS Bible Dictionary, Holiness).

(*2) 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 law unto themselves: ***Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness***, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) (New Testament | Romans 2:14 - 15)

(*2) For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. [26](#) Therefore if the uncircumcision ***keep the righteousness of the law***, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? [27](#) And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? [28](#) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: [29](#) But he *is a Jew*, ***which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit***, and not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God. (New Testament | Romans 2:25 - 29)

(*2) And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:** 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! **for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.** (New Testament | Luke 17:20 - 21)

(*2) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? **for ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (New Testament | 2 Corinthians 6:16 - 18)

The “world” outside of us is all about understanding SMYBOLISM from Old Testament times (Adam and Eve) to the present day (D&C 128) 2017 and beyond. This truth becomes obvious when we look (by observing objectively) the “physical” forms and structures “made with hands” and set up by “hands” (the physical restoration, which objectively points to an “inner” spiritual restoration within ourselves)! Perhaps all these scriptures shared may help us to see this symbolism, “made without hands.” [Mark 14: 58; Colossians 2: 11]

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (If the “fulness” of the Godhead is in Christ, it is also in us, as verse 10 declares!) 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, (the watery womb of mortal birth) wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.” (“the dead” meaning the works or fruits of the flesh, or carnal nature which separates us from God (or godliness). (New Testament | Colossians 2:8 - 12).

I honor and respect the god potential within you all...this is what really “seals” us to God and makes us “one.”

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