

This article focuses on a subject that eluded most of humanity in regards to a directive given by God for all of His children: Be Holy.

In *1 Peter 1:16*, God gives this directive: 'Be ye holy; for I am holy.' And, in *Matthew 5:48* and in *3 Nephi 12:48*, The Savior Jesus Christ gives this directive: 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.'

Thus, the whole embodiment of God is a Being who is Holy and Perfect.

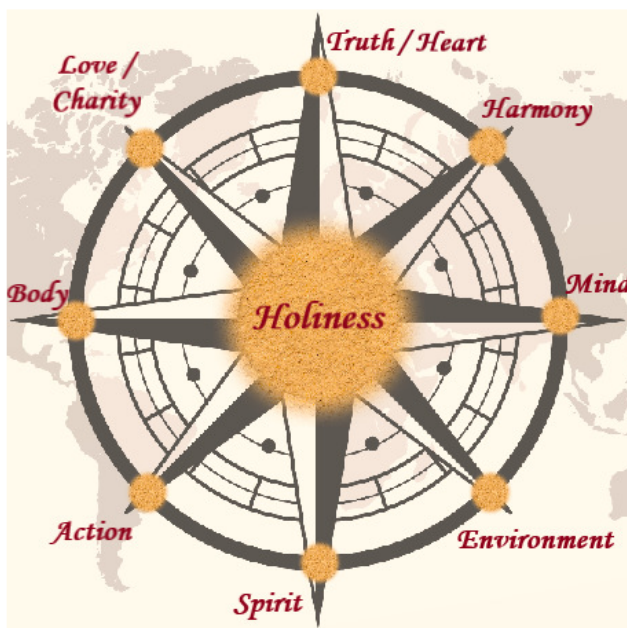
I believe we can all agree, that in God's terms: a holy person equates to a perfect person, and vice versa. Therefore, God, being perfect and holy, is the only One who can rightly judge whether a mortal person (God's child) is holy / perfect before His eyes.

Since God has given us a command to be like Him – perfect and holy – we need to put forth the efforts to do so, if we are to be obedient. Due to our love for Father in Heaven and for the Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to comply with the command to become perfect and holy. Let us be mindful that everything we do must emanate from our love toward God and toward others. *John 14:15, Matthew 22:36-40*

As I ponder about this subject of Holiness for my own individual efforts to be like God, for so I desire to be like Him, or to be like Them (Heavenly Father and the Son - Christ the Lord), I need to understand God's perspectives. How does one develop holiness, and thus becomes perfect before God's eyes?

To help me (hopefully it will help others as well) in this journey of striving to Live in Holiness, I sought for the Spirit of God for enlightenment: a picture of a practical Life's Compass of Holiness emerged. This compass comes to life when I apply major keywords that fit well in this **Life's Compass of Holiness** – one practical way of looking at a life (a person) that is striving for Holiness. By way of a nomenclature, I refer to the **major keywords as Dimensions of Holiness**.

Life's Compass of Holiness
The Dimensions of Holiness



Therefore, when a person looks to Christ's life, one can begin to learn that each of this keyword/dimension is depicted in the manner that He lived His life in mortality – a perfect example for us to follow and emulate.

The Holiness of Truth & Heart

Whose Truth? Every person needs to be aligned with eternal principles **based on God's Truth**, not based on any mortal's false (*and distorted and corrupted*) precepts, teachings, commandments, and traditions.

What Truth? The Savior, **Jesus the Christ**, by the command of Heavenly Father, the Good Shepherd – Jesus, shared (showed us) the way we should conduct our daily life – known as the **Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Rod of Iron**, recorded in **Matthew chapters 5 thru 7** and recorded in **3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15**.

This is the very **Heart** of the matter! This is the very **Truth** of the matter!

Whose Truth and What Truth are at the very core – the central focus of the way of life, the truth of life, and the light of life – embodied in Christ the Lord. Thus, the Savior Jesus Christ proclaimed: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.' **John 14:6; John 8:12; Alma 38:9**

It is our love for God that moves us to learn (inspires us to learn) the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that we can conduct our life aligned with God's Truth & Heart. Only God's Truth & Heart – the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – is what we should learn, and what we should speak and teach to others – the only words that we should value and act upon that will allow us to experience eternal happiness, as opposed to temporary happiness.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34; Colossians 3:1-2**

Within each of us is the Light of Christ: our personal conscience helps us to know right from wrong – for every act, thought, motive, desire, etc. **John 8:12; John 12:46; Moroni 7:16; Doctrine and Covenants 88:7,11**

By God's Truth & Heart, we are commanded to have love for one another – by doing so, we profess in action our love for God. We are then living the golden rule: Treat others with Love, in the same manner that we want to be treated by others.

Interesting facts:

- the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ is not about Religion. Rather, it is about a **Way of Life of Love in Action**.
- Religion is a mere invention of mortals, uninspired mortals: who practice priestcraft, setting themselves up higher than their fellow mortals – to control the way of life, supposedly based on God's words.
- God is Not Religious - the way Religion is advanced by mortals; God does not want His children to be Religious either – living the religions of mortals.
- God does not want / require that His children to worship Him.
- God's only requirement for His children is to live the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – so that we, His children, can return to His presence and enjoy eternal joy and happiness, having eternal life.
- God's only mission and motivation is to bring to pass the eternal life, happiness and joy for His children. This is His ultimate love for His children – eternal joy and happiness.

Did you know that Enoch's Zion community was based on the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ: a community that cultivated a love for one another, and shared everything, treating each other as siblings – children of God, not having one's family above another – no poor among them – having one heart and one mind (the heart and mind of God) – just one big family under One Eternal Heavenly Father: truly a way of life that can be translated / exalted to God's heavenly abode. In Enoch's Zion, every single citizen learned to live the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, having the Spirit of God's influence

within herself / himself; even **without** the use of mortal's advanced technologies – **thus no such things as advanced school systems and monetary system** – all worked on the land by the sweat of their brows and lived on simple homes with simple amenities; one's family only took (no hoarding) sufficient food to eat and sufficient clothing to wear – everything else remained with the community storehouse – everything was free. Everyone contributed to the community storehouse.

The Spirit of God moves me to *debunk* a Precept that everyone of us (LDS) has heard (or indoctrinated with): **Whatever intelligence-learning we acquire while living in mortality will carry (take) with us to the next life.** Supposedly, this precept is associated with one's eternal progression – advanced by a mere mortal person – so uninspired. The precept itself sounded good, however, **it is totally false – see Appendix A.** This was advanced by an LDS Prophet – Brigham Young, and propagated and perpetuated in the LDS community. This specific precept inspired the LDS to build a school – a **center of excellence for secular learning**: for one's advancement and attainment for the glory of the world. All colleges and universities for advanced secular learning, to make money, are Vanity – a vexation of one's spirit. **Ecclesiastes chapters 1 thru 12**

It is absolutely true – All is Vanity – related to secular learnings and associated professions: '... the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity, and vexation of spirit.' **Ecclesiastes 2:17**

To remind everyone, there are **only two key questions that have eternal significance and importance to one's eternal salvation: Whose Truth? and What Truth?**

You may go ahead and ReRead the first 2 paragraphs in this section – The Holiness of Truth & Heart.

Thus, all the advanced secular learning that one can obtained, and all the educational Awards/Degrees are only for this imperfect, temporary mortal life. NONE of our secular-learning is worth in the next life. For most mortals, *'Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth'* – missing out on God's Truth! **2 Timothy 3:7**

Question: Would God allow us to carry/take/use any of our mortals' secular-learning back to heaven?

True Answer: God will NOT! God's abode is perfect and holy: no impure and unholy thing can enter therein: be it a person, a thought, a learning, a practice, a discipline, a profession – all based on the precepts of men. No such thing can enter therein. Our secular learnings and skills, to make money, are of no use in heaven. *'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways, saith the Lord...'* **Isaiah 55:8-9; Alma 40:26**

We have learned True Principles before our mortal birth, because of the Veil of Forgetfulness in Mortality, we cannot access them readily. However, with the help of the Holy Ghost, a member of the Godhead, we can remember / recognize what really is most important for us to know and live by, while living in mortality, to return to our Heavenly Father – only the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Rod of Iron (*Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15*).

The opposite of the Holiness of Truth & Heart – Lucifer's way: seek advanced secular education, use the monetary system – to acquire material things, and to position oneself above his/her neighbor, to live selfishly, to live in excess, and to live unholy by living the religions of men – a total vexation of one's spirit.

The Holiness of Love & Charity

What is the foundation for the Holiness of Love & Charity? The Holiness of Love & Charity is founded in God's Truth & Heart.

God's love & charity is exemplified in the life of the Savior. He showed compassion toward others: we need to develop compassion for others. This is so very important especially in the way we treat others whose station in life is poverty and hardship – the sick, the afflicted, the sorrowful, the down-hearted, etc.

The Acts of Kindness in our part toward others (God's children) are paramount to our testament of our love for God. Only by love in action can we truly manifest our sincere love for God and others, complying with the commandments of God in relation to love God, and to treat others with love in the same manner that we want to be treated by others.

It is imperative, that however busy we are with our own personal and family life, that we take time to help others in need.

A couple of examples of Charity or Love in Action is the following:

- The Savior fed the hungry.
Do we take time to feed the hungry?
In our local community, we should consider to take time to get involved with charitable activities – soup kitchens, food pantries, etc.
- The Savior healed the sick and the afflicted.
Do we take time to heal the sick and the afflicted?
In our local community, we should consider in assisting in healing the sick by providing assistance to them... a meal, and a prayer for healing.

There are myriads of ways that one can radiate Charity toward others. Start with your local community to assist in worthy charitable causes. The Pure Love of Christ is Charity. **Moroni 7:47**

Charity needs to be a part of our countenances in order to enter into God's Kingdom. **Moroni 10:21; 1 Corinthians 13:all**

The opposite of the Holiness of Love & Charity – Lucifer's way: have a life's attitude of Don't care, Don't want to know, Not my problem; Ignore other's hardship and poverty; I care only for my immediate family; and anything that detracts from living a charitable life.

The Holiness of the Spirit

What is the foundation of the Holiness of the Spirit? The Holiness of the Spirit is founded with God's Truth & Heart!

Every individual spirit is a child of God. It is eternal. It is the spirit of a person that yearns for Godliness, because it came from God – it has its origin in God's Kingdom.

It is the spirit that seeks the things of God. It is the spirit that feeds on God's words:

- '... God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit... which the Holy Ghost teacheth... the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God... neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned...'
1 Corinthians 2:10-14
- 'The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.' **Romans 8:16**

Prior to earth life, however, as spirit children of God – living in God's presence, we learned all about Godliness, and the progression necessary for us, His spirit children, to become like Him.

The major things we learned in the 'schools in heaven' were the following subjects:

- That God the Father has an eternal body of Flesh and Bone jointly coupled with His Spirit, unlike us, his children, having only spirit bodies. God lives by experiencing the fullness of joy and happiness.

- A spirit without a body of Flesh and Bone has limitation in experiencing happiness. For example, as entity with only a spirit body, the spirit lacks the sense of touch, and other senses associated with the body of Flesh and Bone.
- That God's Kingdoms (plural) include many degrees: Telesstial, Terrestrial, and Celestial, *1 Corinthians 15:40-41*, as respectively depicted in the glory of the stars, the glory of the moon, and the glory of the sun. These various kingdoms are for His children – depending on one's choice of degree of happiness, attested by one's obedience in *living the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ (aka. The Rod of Iron)* – the Everlasting Gospel was taught in heaven. ***Doctrine and Covenants 88:22-31; Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15***
- We also learned the different categories of life forms of lower order: these are animals, fishes, and birds. ***1 Corinthians 15:39***
- We learned all about Plant life - in all of its variations.
- We learned about Earth and its environment – its purpose in our progression to become like our Father in Heaven.
- We learned that we needed to experience the opposites of all things that are Holy-Perfect, Good, Happiness, Healthy Life, Beauty; also, we needed to experience hardships and challenges of mortal life. These experiences will awaken our sense of eternal gratitude and appreciation of the Goodness of God when we return to God's Kingdoms.
- We learned about the need for a mortal experience: the Fall from the Garden of Eden – to actually live side-by-side with the 'opposites' of all things that are good; and the need for a Savior, the Plan of Salvation. ***Alma 42:1-18***
- We learned what would be the consequence of Sin, the Laws of Mercy and Justice, Death, and Resurrection. ***Alma 42:20-30; Doctrine and Covenants 88:35***
- We learned the eternal law of Free Agency (freedom to choose) - which is a power to act according to the dictates of his / her own conscience, according to each, by their own desires of happiness. ***2 Nephi 2:15-16,27; Moses 7:32; Doctrine and Covenants 29:36***

The Spirit's entry into the Stage of Mortality begins through a mortal birth.

- On the very first breath of an infant is when the spirit is consigned to a mortal body.
- When the spirit is joined to a mortal body, the spirit automatically gets locked out of its memory of its past life (the Veil of Forgetfulness takes into effect).
- The life in mortality is to be lived by Faith, since we lacked knowledge of God. ***Hebrews 11:1,3,6***
- Each mortal birth is given the Light of Christ – a personal conscience – the ability to distinguish between good and evil from within. ***Moroni 7:16***
- Through the life of the Savior Jesus Christ and His teachings, one's spirit can begin its journey to know God, the Father of the spirit, and the spirit relearns, via Faith, the Plan of Salvation and the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. ***Acts 4:10-12; Matthew chapters 5 thru 7 and 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15***

- Through the baptismal covenant, the **Holy Ghost is promised to be one's guide in mortality.**
- The spirit needs to be nourished with God's words. Through personal study, and via Prayer and Fasting one can get to know God and His commandments.

In Christ mortality, we read that he takes time to commune with Father in Heaven via a personal prayer and fasting. **Luke 5:15-16; Luke 6:12; Mark1:35; John 17:all; Luke 9:18; Mark 9:17-29**

The opposite of the Holiness of the Spirit – Lucifer's way: ignore the existence of God; only lived for the moment – no such thing as sin.

The Holiness of the Body

The natural physical body houses the spirit upon mortal birth.

Therefore, a mortal person is a duality (a composite) into one: the spirit and the body. Every mortal person on earth is living his / her probationary life:

- The body is the earthly vessel for its spirit. The mortal body needs nourishments to develop.
- The mortal body or the Flesh often contradicts with its spirit regarding the way a mortal life should be lived.
- The spirit continues to yearn for Godliness, whereas the body does not.
- The spirit attempts to subdue the mortal body, and resists the temptations of the flesh.

The life is in the spirit, and not in the mortal body. A body without a spirit is dead. **James 2:26**

The life of mortality is in full force – the opposites are ever presence of all things that are good, right, beautiful, and Godly. **2 Nephi 2:11**

Every mortal must live and exercise the principle of Free Agency. A mortal is constantly choosing between good and evil. **2 Nephi 2:15-16,27; Moses 7:32; Doctrine and Covenants 29:36**

The life in mortality is to be lived via Faith regarding the existence of God. A life's journey in mortality is to learn God's Truth & Heart – the Plan of Salvation (the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ) – to return in God's presence. **Hebrews 11:1,3,6**

Faith must be exercised to gravitate toward all things Godly, overcoming the challenges of mortal life. **1 John 5:4.**

Every person is responsible for his/her own body: to keep it healthy.

Faith in Jesus Christ the Lord is essential to redemption of one's soul. **2 Timothy 3:15; John 14:6**

In the New Testament, the **Savior Jesus Christ is the Mediator** of the **New Covenant** (*Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 8:6; Hebrews 12:24; 1 Timothy 2:5*): Aside from Christ's mortality, every mortal has sinned and thus requires redemption: God's Plan of Salvation provides the only way to forgiveness of sins via the principle of true repentance – a covenant between God and a mortal takes effect via a Baptismal Covenant that required faith in the Savior Jesus Christ, and living the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ (aka the Rod of Iron: **Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15**).

Also, see Luke 3:3; Moroni 8:8-12; Matthew 22:36-40

The Baptismal covenant includes a promise of the **Holy Ghost: one's personal guide to the journey back to God's presence**. The Holy Ghost testifies of God the Father and Christ the Lord, and brings to remembrance Christ's words that a person needs to follow while journeying towards God's presence – traveling in the path of righteousness. Note: instead of relying on a mortal flesh, a member of the Godhead will do the teaching! The Holy Ghost will never give an erroneous principle, whereas mortal men can/do advance erroneous principles as very well documented throughout history. **1 John 3:7; 1 Corinthians 12:3; John 14:26.**

The path to righteousness (discipleship) as prescribed by the Savior starts with a covenant – a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins – being born again (Mosiah 18:5-17; John 3:3-5; Mormon 7:10): a baptism by water signifies acceptance of Jesus Christ in one's life – taking upon the name of Christ – be a witness for Him, having one's sins completely washed away; a baptism by Fire and of the Holy Ghost signifies living a life of holiness, godliness, and righteousness – having one's body as a temple of God. As one enters the strait-gate (baptism), one embarks a life-long journey within a straight-narrow path that leads to eternal life: two great commandments are to be lived in one's everyday life (Matthew 22:36-40): love God and love others as one's self. To love God means to keep His commandments (John 14:15; John 15:10; 3 Nephi 15:10; 3 Nephi 18:14; 1 John 2:5). To love others means to treat others in the same manner that one wants to be treated by others (James 1:27; 1 John 1:2-7; Mosiah 18:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; James 2:26; 3 Nephi 12-14 chaps; Matt. 5-7 chapters) – including caring for others, especially the poor, the needy, the sick, the afflicted – all those who are in need.

Every person is commanded to become like God and the Savior Jesus Christ, be holy; the practice of Prayer and Fasting is an important process for increasing one's dedication toward God, and is a key process toward holiness, and thus increase one's spirituality. **Matthew 5:48 and 3 Nephi 12:48; Mark 9:17-29**

In reflecting upon the Savior's life, He prayed and fasted to continue to keep Himself pure and holy.

The opposite of the Holiness of the Body – Lucifer's way: ignore the existence of God; only lived for the moment – no such thing as sin; defile your body.

The Holiness of the Mind

What is the foundation of the Holiness of the Mind? The Holiness of the Mind is founded in God's Truth & Heart.

The person's character is often revealed in one's actions (including speech & publication). The actions (and words & writings) are the outward manifestations of one's thinking or thoughts.

The decisions are made through the processing of information in one's mind. Once a decision is made and acted upon, the outcome oftentimes will have an impact on others, negatively or positively.

As soon as the person is born into mortality, the person begins to absorb all kinds of input from all the sensory organs – the information is then rallied to one's mind for processing, storage and retrieval, and the reactions from the input can be manifested outwardly.

One's upbringing influences one's values in life. Biases and prejudices, for good or for bad, continue to get stored inside one's mind for retrieval in some future events. This is how preferences can be influenced for the most part. However, because everyone is unique, a person has the ability to develop his/her own unique preferences.

All sorts of education take place daily, both inside and outside one's home. There are countless of sources for information where one can develop disciplines of thoughts and beliefs:

- *Family members* – one's family is the primary source of information that a young person can obtain from, where family values get ingrained in one's mind.
- *Peers* – through interactions with friends and acquaintances, one's mind is filled with information, and can be swayed in his/her beliefs, and in one's manner of speech / writing / actions.
- *TV shows / Videos / Games* – the subject matter of the shows often have lasting impact in one's thinking and speech / writing / actions.
- *Music* – both the melody and the lyrics can influence one's thinking and speech / writing / actions.
- *Internet Contents* – news and other subject matters will also contribute to one's overall thinking and speech / writing / actions.
- *Formal Education* – from PreK onward, a person receives information.
- *Print Publications* – books, religion-based or otherwise, do contribute in one's perspectives about life.
- *Churches* – alongside with the family members, a church that one is affiliated with, will contribute to person's core beliefs in the existence of God and His nature, and His teachings and commandments.

Abuse of any kind: Illegal/legal Drugs and excessive Alcoholic Drinks will impair one's mind in making correct decisions.

One's choice of information, the source and the subject matter, is key to one's development of the mind.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. The word of God, if received, is processed in the mind of the person. Feasting on the words of God is essential to learning correct principles, and living a life of conformity to God's will. **Matthew 4:4; 2 Nephi 32:3**

Focusing on God's words via reading, pondering, along with prayer and fasting will increase spirituality.

Having a personal goal and the desire to know God, will lead to a determined mind to follow a path of Godliness.

In learning God's Truth, it is best to go direct to God for information, and for confirmation of Truth for life's principles.

In the New Testament, the **Savior Jesus Christ is the Mediator** of the **New Covenant** (*Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24*): through the baptismal covenant, the saints are promised with the Holy Ghost - a member of the Godhead that will teach (bring to remembrance Christ's words) true principles necessary for one's eternal salvation. Note: instead of relying on a mortal flesh, a member of the Godhead will do the teaching! The Holy Ghost will never give an erroneous principle, whereas mortal men can/do advance erroneous principles as very well documented throughout history.

In reflecting upon the Savior's life, He complied with all of God's commands. He had a goal of staying obedient to God's words. He also prayed and fasted to continue to keep Himself pure and holy.

The opposite of the Holiness of the Mind – Lucifer's way: use sources and contents that are unholy and degrading to one's being, and the abuse of illegal/legal drugs and excessive alcoholic drinks for deterioration of one's mind.

The Holiness of One's Action

What is the foundation of the Holiness of One's Action? The Holiness of One's Action is founded in God's Truth & Heart.

The person's actions (and words uttered & writings) are the outward manifestations of one's thinking or thoughts, including one's desires, goals, and beliefs.

Christ's life is a life of service. He practiced what He told his disciples:

- But he that is the greatest among you shall be your servant. **Matthew 23:11; Mark 10:45**
- Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils ... **Matthew 10:8; Luke 7:22**
- Watch ye therefore, and pray always... **Luke 21:36**
- Feed the hungry... **Mark 6:41**
- Pray and Fast... **Mark 9:29; John 17:all, Matthew 6:9-13**
- Express thanks to Father in Heaven... **John 11:41-42**
- Give glory to God... **John 11:4, Matthew 6:13**
- Give alms to the poor... **Matthew 6:3-4**
- Teach the Pure Gospel of God – The Rod of Iron... **Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15**
- But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. **John 14:31 ... Indeed, the Savior Christ the Lord loves the Father and is obedient to the Father's commands.**

By focusing on the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ (aka the Rod of Iron: **Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15**), one can read that it explicitly magnifies a life of service toward others. Nowhere can you read anything about attending to performances/ordinances inside a temple building, nor paying tithes and offerings to any church.

Note: In the Old Testament, the commandments given to Moses highlighted the sacrifices and ordinances that were accomplished in the physical temples made of man: this was the lower law of performances/ordinances given to the Israelites, for they were unable to live by the higher law; furthermore, prophets, Levitical priests, and/or judges were installed to be mediators between God and His people, because the earlier Israelites refused to speak directly to God. **Exodus 20:18-19; Deuteronomy 5:25; 18:16**

In the New Testament, the **Savior Jesus Christ is the Mediator** of the **New Covenant** (**Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24**). This Covenant is entered into via an ordinance of Baptism – a repentance for the remission of sins for every repentant person that accepts the Savior Jesus Christ – the repentant person becomes a new creature in Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

The path to righteousness (discipleship) as prescribed by the Savior starts with a baptismal covenant – being born again (Mosiah 18:5-17; John 3:3-5; Mormon 7:10): a baptism by water signifies acceptance of Jesus Christ in one's life – taking upon the name of Christ – be a witness for Him, having one's sins completely washed away; a baptism by Fire and of the Holy Ghost signifies living a life of holiness, godliness, and righteousness – having one's body as a temple of God. As one enters the strait-gate (baptism), one embarks a life-long journey within a straight-narrow path that leads to eternal life: two great commandments are to be lived in one's everyday life (Matthew 22:36-40): love God and love others as one's

self. To love God means to keep His commandments (John 14:15; John 15:10; 3 Nephi 15:10; 3 Nephi 18:14; 1 John 2:5). To love others means to treat others in the same manner that one wants to be treated by others (James 1:27; 1 John 1:2-7; Mosiah 18:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; James 2:26; 3 Nephi 12-14 chaps; Matt. 5-7 chapters) – including caring for others, especially the poor, the needy, the sick, the afflicted – all those who are in need.

Very important to understand: the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ **replaced/superseded** any temple work of any kind (performances/ordinances), including paying tithes and offerings to any church. *Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15.* For truly, the **Savior Jesus Christ is the Mediator** of the **New Covenant** (*Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24*). And, **the promised Holy Ghost replaces the arm of flesh**, the prophets & priests, **as the personal guide** to one's journey back to Heavenly Father's presence.

In the New Testament Covenant, the person (the very being himself / herself) is the temple of God – where the Holy Ghost (a member of the Godhead) may reside / visit. Every person is a temple made by God's hands, and not made by man's workmanship.

Therefore, it is imperative that a person who entered in a New Covenant with Christ, must keep his/her personal temple (his/her very own being - body, mind, and spirit) holy.

Every true follower of Christ the Lord, will devote a life of service, professing true love for God and for others – living a daily life in compliance with the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Rod of Iron. ***Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15***

Love & charity must accompany a service toward helping others: the sick, the afflicted, the sorrowful, the down-hearted, the lonely, and everyone in needs.

One's actions must have non-selfish motives.

The opposite of the Holiness of One's Action – Lucifer's way: ignore the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ; ignore the existence of God; only lived for the moment – no such thing as sin; be selfish and be self-centered.

The Holiness of Harmony

In God's Kingdoms, a harmonious relationship exists for every living entity towards another, including life forms of different order, such as animals, fishes, and birds.

Character traits found in a harmonious person include these amiable characteristics – Christ the Lord exemplified these personal traits in Him:

- Patience – He was not a quick-tempered man. He was a very patient Teacher with everyone, both believers and non-believers.
- Long Suffering – This is a much higher level of patience. Even though he was wronged by others, he displayed a forgiving love and extended a greater patience.
- Non-Judgmental – He healed the sick without judging the person's sin. He extended compassion.
- Kind – He was kind to all creatures. People gravitated to Him because of His kindness and generosity.
- Loving – He was loving toward His disciples and toward non-believers. He was very approachable.

- Forgiving – He forgave sins. He even forgave the Roman soldiers who crucified Him.
- Helpful – His miracles were testaments of His helpfulness and caring toward others.
- Sharing – He shared the Love of Heavenly Father with everyone. He shared the Pure Gospel of God: the Everlasting Gospel, aka. The Rod of Iron. ***Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15***
- Understanding – He was quick to understand a person's needs.
- Friendly – He was viewed by most as a friendly, approachable person. Even though His enemies hated Him, the Savior taught to love your enemy.
- Teamwork / Ability to work with others – Being ready, willing, and able to work with others toward a common goal.
- Helpful Words – Using words that build relationship, as oppose to words that destroy relationship, will promote harmony.
- Willingness to Sacrifice – He sacrificed His life for everyone: extending forgiveness and mercy toward others.
- The Golden Rule – Treat others with love, in the manner you want to be treated by others.

Developing these amiable traits in one's character would require God's help. The important thing is that a person recognizes his / her shortcomings, and seeks God's assistance for one's personal development.

The opposite of the Holiness of Harmony – Lucifer's way: Hate, Chaos, Selfishness, Judgmental, Impatience, Unforgiving, and anything that promotes disharmony.

The Holiness of the Environment

Even with our mortal's limited mind, we can imagine and say that God's environment is one with order, cleanliness, harmony, and love.

- Order – Is there order in my personal abode?
- Cleanliness – Do I maintain cleanliness in my personal abode?
- Harmony – Do I maintain harmonious relationship with others within my environment?
- Love – Do I extend Godly love toward others?

The answers to the questions above, in the affirmative, will get me / anyone closer towards God's holiness.

Aside from my personal environment, there is an extended environment – the community environment: do I promote order, cleanliness, harmony, and love?

Once again, the answer to the question above, in the affirmative, will get me / anyone closer towards God's holiness.

Another important aspect of the Holiness of the Environment is related to Earth – the nature surrounding where I live, and/or places I visit. In fact, the entire Earth.

I must do my part in maintaining a positive relationship with mother Earth: keeping order, cleanliness, and by appreciating my physical surroundings that God graciously provided for me/us – not polluting the environment.

This Earth is a shared environment: if every person does his/her part, we can maintain an earth-life conducive for healthy living, for everyone's benefit.

Since there are other life forms on this earth, besides human, I/we need to maintain a harmonious relationship with them.

In the millennial era (when Christ reigns), this Earth will indeed literally become a Garden of Eden – a paradise for everyone to enjoy.

The opposite of the Holiness of the Environment – Lucifer's way: Disorderliness, Filthiness, Pollution, Disharmony.

Concluding Remarks

I consider both directives to be one and the same command: 'Be ye holy; for I am holy' and 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.'

I believe that in God's perspective / term: holiness is perfection, and perfection is holiness.

In the scriptures, aside from Jesus the Christ, there were other individuals who attained perfection / holiness in God's eyes.

- One such individual was Job: '... a perfect and an upright man, ...' **Job 2:3**
- An entire community was translated to God's abode: this was related to Enoch and his Zion community. '... Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.' **Genesis 5:24, Moses 7:23; Doctrine and Covenants 38:4**

Therefore, it is possible to attain holiness / perfection for mere mortals, like you and me. Including, bridle one's tongue and body as in *James 3:2*, and having one's mind to be perfect minded as in *Philippians 3:15*.

Remember, the only perfection / holiness that counts is God's definition.

How does God see me / you relative to holiness / perfection?

By reading the scriptures, I begin to understand that mere mortals get a lot of help from God towards perfection / holiness.

Let's face the facts: Aside from Jesus the Christ's mortal life – He lived a sinless mortal life, whereas we mortals committed sins.

Question: So, how is it possible to get rid of our sins, and become clean in God's eyes?

Answer: The Redemptive Atonement of the Savior Jesus Christ made it possible for us to be cleansed of sins!

Briefly, the Plan of Redemption (Plan of Salvation) provided a Savior (a Redeemer) in Christ Jesus. Through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, allowed us (sinners) to be reconciled with God:

- In the New Testament, the **Savior Jesus Christ is the Mediator** of the **New Covenant** (*Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 8:6*)
- Chapter 6 of the book of Romans speaks of God's Grace, Baptism – a newness in life, Death, Resurrection. Specifically in verse 22, it reads: 'But now being free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto **holiness**, and the end everlasting life.'
- By entering into a Covenant with God:
 - Accept Jesus Christ by having faith in Him – 2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Alma 37:33
 - Receive baptism of repentance for the remission of sins – Mark 1:4; Moroni 8:3-26
 - Walk a newness of life in Christ: be a witness for Him
 - **Live the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ** (aka. The Rod of iron – recorded in the Bible - Matthew chapters 5 thru 7 and in the Book of Mormon - 3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15)
 - **Love God by keeping His commandments** detailed in the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – John 14:15
 - **Treat others with Love, in the same manner you want to be treated by others** – Matthew 22:36-40
- **Whose Truth?**
Every person needs to be aligned with eternal principles **based on God's Truth**, not based on any mortal's false (*and distorted and corrupted*) precepts, teachings, commandments, and traditions.
- **What Truth?**
The Savior, **Jesus the Christ**, taught the way we should live life: by the command of the Heavenly Father, the Good Shepherd – Jesus, shared (showed us) the way we should conduct our daily life – known as the **Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Rod of Iron**, recorded in **Matthew chapters 5 thru 7** and recorded in **3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15**. Also see **John 14:6 John 8:12; Alma 38:9** – '... I am the way, the truth, and the life...' We need to follow Him, Christ, to return to Heavenly Father.

The Life's Compass of Holiness, for personal development towards God's holiness / perfection, is perfectly aligned with the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we commit to *live the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, daily*, we shall witness the Hand of God, transforming each of us to be like Him, from grace to grace in Christ Jesus, even unto holiness – **day by day**.

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May the Love of God continue to grace your life. May the Light of Christ continue to shine upon you. May the Lord's Holy Spirit continue to shower you with enlightenment, comfort, and peace – and endow you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"God's eyes have never become dimmed with age; His ears have never become dulled with the years; His arms have never been wanting in strength, nor have His footsteps ever faltered. He is not changed; He is still the same, immortal, immutable, invincible, approachable, loving, merciful, caring, charitable God, in all ages. He makes a commitment of Himself to me and you – indeed, God is faithful. What a gift, what an offering, what a measureless, boundless condescension of the infinite God to give Himself." – **Recipients of God's Goodness**

And let All glory, honor, power, praise, dominion, and majesty be Thine forevermore O God. Hallelujah and Hosannah unto the Most High God, our Heavenly Father, the Almighty, and unto the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ, and unto the Holy Ghost, the Testator and Revelator of all Truth.

Freely Receive, Freely Give, Freely Share

The message is more important than that of the writer's name.

~ **Brought to You by One of the Recipients of God's Goodness** ~

Appendix A

This is a brief response to an inquiry regarding [D&C 130:18-19 - Doctrine and Covenants](#)

A comment received from one of the Truth Seekers:

“Check out D&C 130:18-19 regarding gaining knowledge in this life and how it affects the life hereafter. Joseph’s preaching.”

Response

D&C 130 This section is focused in the context of the Glory of God... ***NOT the secular intelligence of man/mortal – the glory of mortal man.***

Joseph knew what he was talking about. But not everyone had (has) the Spirit of God to understand the ***real-true focus of this section.***

Note: the date of this Section is April 02, 1843.
About a year later, Joseph was murdered (June 27, 1844).

By this date (1843), the climate (the majority of peoples’ feelings) toward Joseph Smith Jr was doubtful of him. The people were so doubtful of him, that God had to prepare for Joseph Smith’s exit from mortality and take away God’s divine authority from mortals. Literally, there were many wicked saints that wanted Joseph killed and/or replaced – God knew this.

But before God allowed for Joseph to be killed (along with his brother Hyrum), Joseph Smith taught the Temple Endowment (minus the True Interpretation thereof) – filled with symbolisms that no one (including Brigham Young) understood what these symbols meant, and how the various dialogues between the characters were portraying the true message therein (especially the tokens, signs, penalties... including the way the wardrobes were arranged for a man and for a woman) – take time to observe the wardrobes What do you see? Lots of symbols – the wardrobes are arranged the way they are... **NOT** by accident, they have meanings; of course, the undergarments as well – but the meanings were explained for the undergarments).

The saints during Joseph’s era were looking/living ***beyond the mark*** like the Jews of old: ***the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ was being ignored. Jacob 4:14-15***
Take time to read... The Rod of Iron – the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ
Also, see ***3 Nephi chapters 12 thru 15; Matthew chapters 5 thru 7; Rod of Iron chapters 1 thru 3***

Now, in Truth, the **Temple Endowment** (including all performances and ordinances inside any temple) – all is Unnecessary ... WHY? ***This is the Lower Law – absolutely Not for salvation and exaltation.*** Christ came to abolish the Lower Law, and He introduced the Higher Law – the Pure Gospel Law of Jesus Christ, the Christ New Covenant. He, the Savior himself, taught this Law of the Gospel in person (recorded in the books of Matthew and 3 Nephi ... the Rod of Iron, as previously mentioned); for God the Father sent His only begotten Son that the world may know the Truth – what is truly essential to salvation and exaltation; and that the world might be saved through Him – Jesus the Christ.
Take time to read the... The Words of Jesus Christ to Young Joseph Smith Jr – verse 29; John 14:6

Interesting Note: You and I (the same for those in our generation) were exposed to additional insights for we have seen and heard the temple endowment with ‘signs of penalties’ and the Lucifer character (with his outfit), regardless of our individual level of understanding of the endowment as a whole.

The Verdict on the LDS temple endowment: Today, presently, the temple endowment has been 'watered-down' quite a bit. Absolutely, the temple endowment is no longer presented as it should be. In reality, today's endowment is no longer what it was intended (the meanings) by Christ as given to Joseph Smith. Anyhow, the original temple endowment that was given to Joseph Smith served (and is serving) its purpose – **to setup a stumbling block and downfall (not for exaltation)** of the LDS Saints for *Missing the Mark* of living the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ – review **Jacob 4:14-15**.

Starting with Brigham Young, **none** of the LDS prophets, seers, and revelators understand the endowment symbolic nature; **none** of the LDS General Authority (GA) can explain the mysteries that shrouded the endowment presentation and symbols. In fact, the LDS GA has **NO** appetite to seek out the mysteries of God – an absolute violation of Christ's mandate to seek God's mysteries (only through the Holy Ghost can one truly begin to understand the mysteries of Godliness). Thus, the LDS Highest Authority placed a mandate to never discuss the temple endowment with anyone (inside / outside the temple)... because the LDS GA **does not** comprehend fully the temple endowment – *clueless* latter-day prophets, seers, and revelators are afraid to receive queries/questions – so not to expose their ignorance! Thus, **the original temple endowment has been corrupted (modified) by clueless mortal men of flesh as inspired by Lucifer**. The indulgence payment of Tithing is totally Luciferian; this is the LDS continuing revelation... attend to the temple performances/ordinances and pay for your salvation (totally **NOT** acceptable to the True God). The Oath & Covenant entered therein – in the Prayer Circle – to have one's entire life & talents pledged to the LDS-Corp-Church is **NOT** of the True God. The Endless Genealogies is **NOT** of the True God, etc. None of these violations originated from Joseph Smith Jr.

Take time to read the article, **Christ New Covenant vs Traditions of Men**

Christ New Covenant is the ONLY Covenant that will save and exalt mankind to God's kingdoms.

D&C 93:36 The **glory of God is intelligence**, or, in other words **light and truth (things that are God's Eternal)**.

Moses 1:39 For behold, this is my work and my glory – to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. This is the main motivation of the Godhead: immortality and eternal life of mankind – eternal happiness. This is opposite to eternal damnation – eternal misery – spiritual death – outer darkness.

God's motivation is NOT to create endless-bunch of worshippers that will worship Him for all eternities. He IS already God – He does not need/require accolades from mortals (His children). Instead, He/God wants His children to be like Him.

The glories received in the resurrection depend on one's desire of happiness – the very focus of one's mortal life (worldly-secular learning & worldly-wealth OR God's intelligence [light and truth]). What did this one person pursue in mortal life – during his probationary life?

Repeat... How one person is living his life in mortality – in the pursuit of secular advancements and worldly-wealth OR in the pursuit of God's Light and Truth?

So many people are pursuing the ways of the world. The focus of success is about worldly-secular learning and worldly wealth.

Secular education (all schools – training people to make/earn money) is highly sought to make one very successful and busy, and no time for the building up of God's True Kingdom.

Brigham Young – absolutely uninspired and clueless, misunderstood D&C 130:18-19

Likewise, Brigham's successors (cohorts – including this very present time) are all *Missing the Mark*.

Brigham – not a true prophet of God (and cohorts alike), focused these scriptures to worldly-secular learning. Thus, the BYU came to life – a center of excellence for secular learning – toward eternal progression. There are other gross errors in the entire LDS Covenant – NOT aligned with the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Tim 3:7 For most people (including the LDS saints),
 'Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth' – *missing out on God's Truth!*

Col 3:1-2 In Contrast, Joseph focused on the School of the Prophets – for the pursuit of the glory of God's intelligence.
 '...seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God ... not on things on the earth.'

D&C 130:18 Whatever ***principle of intelligence...*** God's Principle vs Mortal's (arm of flesh) Principle

D&C 130:19 ... gains ***more knowledge and intelligence*** in this life through his ***diligence and obedience...***
Remarks: **be very careful how you read this one** –
 gains ***more knowledge and intelligence (of God's Principle) by one's diligence and obedience (to God's Truth)***

Because the ONLY knowledge and intelligence that we will carry with us is the Degree of knowledge-Intelligence of God's Principle by one's desire-work-obedience to God's Truth. Did this person lived a probationary life that will exalt him to which kingdom of glory of happiness (Telestial, Terrestrial, or Celestial) or none – the outer darkness?

For all mortal-secular learning has an end in mortality – when the person dies. For all contracts, secular learning, educational diplomas-degrees-certificates, worldly-wealth, worldly-intelligence, bank accounts, material possessions, debts, worldly-skills-professions – all things worldly – none of these will be taking with us to the next life (after mortal life).

Granted, only the degree of knowledge regarding one's obedience or disobedience to God's Principle and Truth will rise with every person to the next life – so that every person will know and agree to God's justice that one will receive, as one's thoughts and deeds are recorded.

Please consider the following cases:

- A. According to the ***Common-Uninspired Interpretation – the importance of Secular Learning:***
 - Since Albert Einstein was a true scholar and one of the brightest physicists in the world, he will be greater than Apostle Peter in the next life because Peter was only a common Galilean Fisherman, who knew nothing about $e = mc^2$, and had little formal education.
- B. According to the ***Inspired Interpretation:***
 - Apostle Peter, who lived a life based on God's principles and God's truth, will be greater than Albert Einstein in the next life, even though Albert attained great honors from mortal men in academia. Albert was a true Scholar. Also, he divorced his first wife because he fell in love with another woman.

Note: both men were diligent and obedient to their respective ways of life / professions.

Of the above cases, A or B, which personal profile best fit with the scripts in D&C 130:18-19?

Now, it is much clearer why case B is the only correct interpretation – ***the Inspired Interpretation.***

Living a life aligned with God's principles and God's truth is more important and more valuable before the eyes of God than any secular educational attainment or secular profession. Do you agree?

FYI: most apostles of Jesus Christ were uneducated men by world's standard. Only Paul and Nathaniel, had the most education. Also, Joseph Smith Jr had very little formal education. Furthermore, Enoch's Zion Community had no advanced secular educational system nor monetary system, and no advanced technologies. Jesus Christ was just a carpenter from Nazareth – no worldly secular advanced educational degree.

In this light, it is easier to understand that the eternal progression precept that Brigham Young advanced (propagated & perpetuated throughout generations in the LDS community to this present day) that the saints must seek secular education to develop talents that will carry to the next life is the **Uninspired Interpretation**. Due to this uninspired interpretation, the LDS built a school (BYU) – a center of excellence for secular learning: for one's advancement and attainment for the glory of the world – toward eternal progression.

Brigham's perspective is **NOT** God's perspective relative to eternal progression.

It is absolutely true: All is Vanity – related to secular learnings and associated professions to make money: '... the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity, and vexation of spirit.' **Ecclesiastes 2:17**

Important Note: It should be noted that I am not putting down BYU – for it is an excellent university for secular education (I have several friends graduated from BYU – very good folks). I, myself, received education from several universities (one of which is UChicago – aka. The University of Chicago – I continually receive Alumni Magazines). I personally do not have qualms about anyone exercising one's free agency in seeking advanced education and/or seeking better secular employment.

However, I do not agree with Brigham Young's faulty precept on Eternal Progression. His common-uninspired interpretation (shared by his cohorts throughout generations, including the present LDS prophets, seers, and revelators... also embraced by the LDS Community) is **NOT** the correct interpretation regarding eternal progression; thus, the LDS-Corp-Church's precept on Eternal Progression **does NOT** conform to God's perspective.

Question: Would God allow us to carry/take/use any of our **mortals' secular-learning** back to heaven?

True Answer: God will NOT! **God's abode is perfect and holy:** no impure and unholy thing can enter therein: be it a person, a thought, a learning, a practice, a discipline, a profession – all based on the precepts of men. No such thing can enter therein. Our secular learnings and skills, to make money, are of no use in heaven.

Isaiah 55:8-9 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways, saith the Lord...'

Very Important FYI: The **Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ** (The **Christ New Covenant**) does not place a great emphasis in worldly pursuit of advanced secular education nor advancement of secular professional skills, including worldly wealth. The **Eternal Progression in God's perspective is living Christ New Covenant – a way of life – Love in Action:**

- Love God
- Love others as oneself... treat others in the manner you want others to treat you; especially take time to care for those who are sick, afflicted, homeless, downhearted – even those whose station in life is poverty.
- Note: the 1st commandment can only be fulfilled by doing / living the 2nd commandment