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Importance of Being Open

Introductory Class 1C



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What you can expect from this class

- What being open will give you
- The great importance of testing all that you will be taught
- Follow the promptings to you
- We are each individually responsible for knowing that the course we follow is of God
- The information covered in this class was revealed to me, and is not doctrine

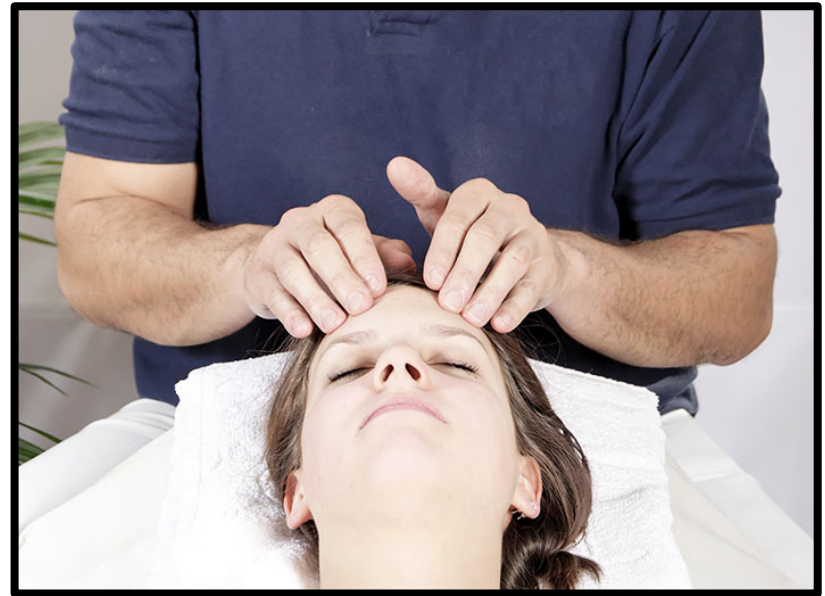


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What being open will give you

- 💧 Revelation will come when you are open to new ideas and concepts, and then test through prayer these things
- 💧 Your personal direction from God is paramount
- 💧 Many ideas taught are perhaps new and need time to settle in, sometimes over at least a few days



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JST Mark 9:40 “Therefore, if thy hand offend thee, cut it off; or if thy brother offend thee and confess not and forsake not, he shall be cut off. It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go into hell.

41 For it is better for thee to enter into life without thy brother, than for thee and thy brother to be cast into hell; into the fire that never shall be quenched, where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

42 And again, if thy foot offend thee, cut it off; for he that is thy standard, by whom thou walkest, if he become a transgressor, he shall be cut off.

43 It is better for thee, to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell; into the fire that never shall be quenched.

44 Therefore, let every man stand or fall, by himself, and not for another; or not trusting another.

45 Seek unto my Father, and it shall be done in that very moment what ye shall ask, if ye ask in faith, believing that ye shall receive.

46 And if thine eye which seeth for thee, him that is appointed to watch over thee to show thee light, become a transgressor and offend thee, pluck him out.

47 It is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God, with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

48 For it is better that thyself should be saved, than to be cast into hell with thy brother, where their worm dieth not, and where the fire is not quenched.”

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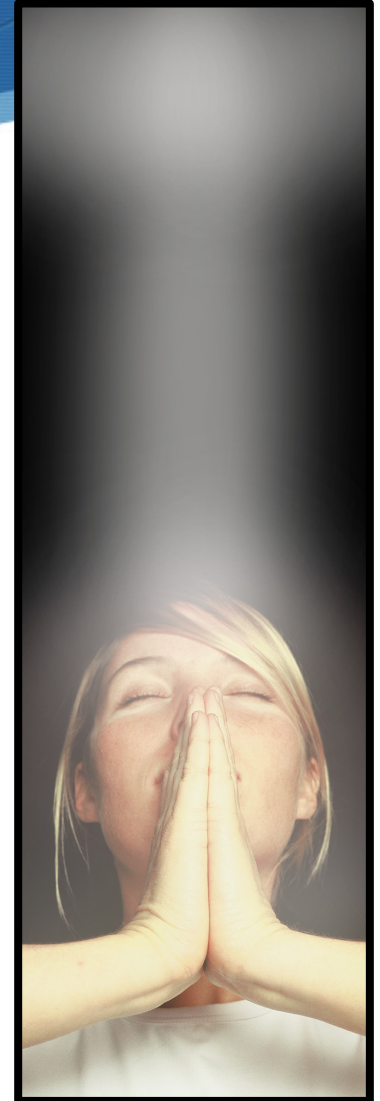
JST Mark 9:40-48

- ◆ **thy hand**, or thy brother
- ◆ **thy foot**, he that is thy standard, by whom thou walkest
- ◆ **thine eye**, which seeth for thee, him that is appointed to watch over thee to show thee light

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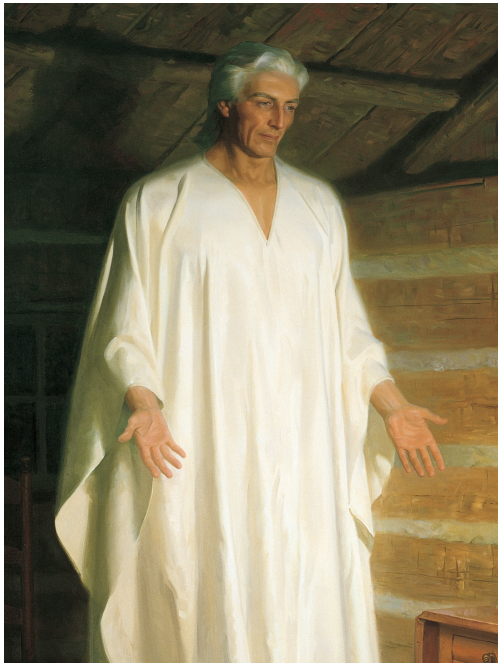


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Moroni 10:5 “And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.

6 And whatsoever thing is good is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth the Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is.

7 And ye may know that he is, by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore I would exhort you that ye deny not the power of God; for he worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same today and tomorrow, and forever.

8 And again, I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not the gifts of God, for they are many; and they come from the same God. And there are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all; and they are given by the manifestations of the Spirit of God unto men, to profit them.”

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D&C 45:56 “And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.

57 For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.

58 And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.

59 For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver.”



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D&C 8:2-3

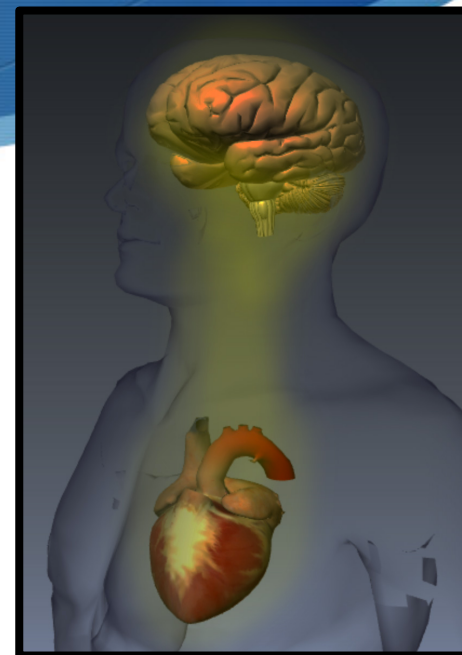
2 “Yea, behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

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.”

D&C 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.”

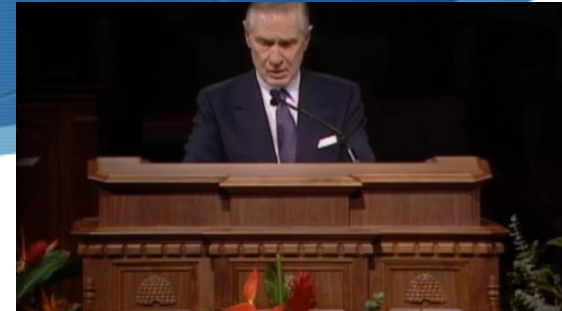


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As quoted recently by President Uchtdorf
(*What is Truth*, Jan 2013) and President Faust
(*Continuous Revelation*, Oct 1989):

“I am more afraid that this people have so much confidence in their leaders that they will not inquire for themselves of God whether they are led by him. I am fearful they settle down in a state of blind self-security, trusting their eternal destiny in the hands of their leaders with a reckless confidence that in itself would thwart the purposes of God in their salvation, and weaken that influence they could give to their leaders, did they know for themselves, by the revelations of Jesus, that they are led in the right way”
(Discourses of Brigham Young, 135).



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“But God intends that His children should act according to the moral agency He has given them, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment.’ (see D&C 101:78) It is His plan and His will that we have the principal decision-making role in our own life’s drama. God will not live our lives for us nor control us as if we were His puppets, as Lucifer once proposed to do. Nor will His prophets accept the role of ‘puppet master’ in God’s place. Brigham Young stated: ‘I do not wish any Latter Day Saint in this world, nor in heaven, to be satisfied with anything I do, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ,—the spirit of revelation, makes them satisfied. I wish them to know for themselves and understand for themselves.’” (“Free Forever, to Act for Themselves”, Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Oct 2014 General Conference)



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From President James E. Faust, *Continuous Revelation*, October 1989:

President J. Reuben Clark stated, “We can tell when the speakers are ‘moved upon by the Holy Ghost’ only when we, ourselves, are ‘moved upon by the Holy Ghost.’”



Being open to the promptings of the Holy Ghost might point us in a new direction we never considered before

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Lectures on Faith by Joseph Smith
Lecture 3

“2. Let us here observe, that three things are necessary in order that any rational and intelligent being may exercise faith in God unto life and salvation.

3. First, the idea that he actually exists.

4. Secondly, a correct idea of his character, perfections, and attributes.

5. Thirdly, an actual knowledge that the course of life which he is pursuing is according to his will. For without an acquaintance with these three important facts, the faith of every rational being must be imperfect and unproductive; but with this understanding it can become perfect and fruitful, abounding in righteousness, unto the praise and glory of God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”



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Empty first your cup

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This story concerns a Buddhist scholar and a Zen Master. The scholar had an extensive background in Buddhist Studies and was an expert on the Nirvana Sutra. He came to study with the master and after making the customary bows, asked her to teach him Zen. Then, he began to talk about his extensive doctrinal background and rambled on and on about the many sutras he had studied.

The master listened patiently and then began to make tea. When it was ready, she poured the tea into the scholar's cup until it began to overflow and run all over the floor. The scholar saw what was happening and shouted, “Stop, stop! The cup is full; you can't get anymore in.”

The master stopped pouring and said: “You are like this cup; you are full of ideas about Buddha’s Way. You come and ask for teaching, but your cup is full; I can't put anything in. Before I can teach you, you’ll have to empty your cup.”

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Here are some of my insights on this story:

- ◆ You cannot learn anything if you already think that you know.
- ◆ Preconceived ideas and prejudices prevent us from seeing the truth.
- ◆ You need to open your mind to receive new truth.
- ◆ Impatient people want to be taught everything once. That is not how the Lord works.
- ◆ You may have to unlearn before you can learn.
- ◆ **When we approach the Lord, we need to empty our cup so that He can fill it with what He wants us to know.**

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Isa 28: 9 “Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.”

(my interpretation: we need to shed some of our narrow opinions of how we may think and how God may work . We may need to even be more ‘weaned’ from our current religious thoughts and views, thus emptying our cup, so we can be open to receive what He wants us to receive.)

10 “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”

(the Lord always seems to work like this to the faithful: we receive and then we act on that direction, then the next day we can receive more and act more, until we reach the perfect day. See also D&C 50:24)



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Shed your telestial views

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Matthew 19:21-24:

21 “Jesus said unto him [the young man], If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

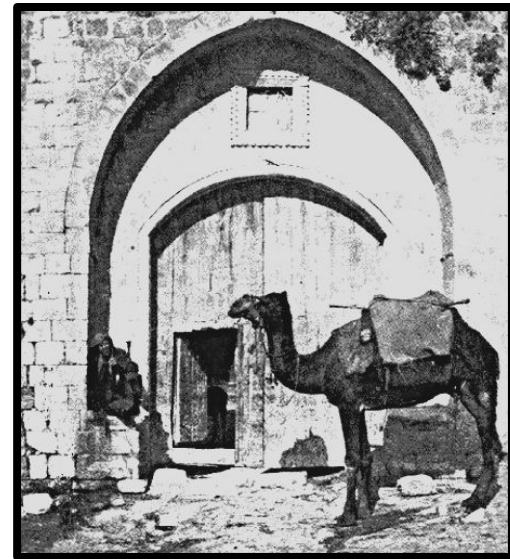


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- ▶ To the right is an 'Eye of a Needle' in the gate of a khan in Nazareth, Israel. The entrance had a small door known as 'the eye' for foot passengers. The huge doors are opened only for pack-animals or wheeled vehicles. When ancient cities were locked down and under attack, only the eye of a needle was used and guarded as a passage. Camels entering had to have their burdens shed and then crawl through that small door on their knees.
- ▶ Likewise, we need to remove some of our often narrow telestial views of how God works, and become open to His ways of revelation and truths not before understood.
- ▶ We may also need to shed our telestial views of healing.



An early photograph of the eye
of a needle door
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- ◆ The information covered in this class was revealed to me, and is not doctrine.
- ◆ Please find out for yourself if these things I teach are true.
- ◆ Please review my presentations “Importance of Prayer and Meditation” and “Importance of Acting on Inspiration” before proceeding to the healing classes.

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