

Elder William R Bradford - "The Spirit"
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Parts of the Spirit

Part 1 – Matter ("Stuff")

- D&C 131:7
- Everything exists in the form of matter
- Everything is this "stuff"
- The Spirit
- Umbrella word like "Tree"
- Intelligence
 - "Doctrinal name for all of the existence of matter"
 - Narrow name relates to learning
 - broader name means "all the stuff"

Part 2 – Truth

- "Truth is compilation of finite law"
 - finite meaning that which has an end
 - law that is refined, perfected and finished
 - example – gravity
 - It is everywhere
 - Example – jump out a 40 story window
 - part way down" Well, so far everything's all right"
 - Does that modify law of gravity? - no
- D&C 88:34

- finite law has built in blessing, preservation, and protection – all the way to salvation if you obey the law
- finite law has built in punishment even unto destruction if you disobey
- D&C 88:35
 - Example – jump out a 40 story window
 - nothing you say, no mercy, no judgement, not justice overcome the law of gravity (a law of God)
- D&C 88:38-39

Review

- Spirit is a “something” made up of all the stuff in matter
- All the law which governs it (truth)

Part 3 – Light

- There is a light that is best described as an absence of darkness
- Other kind of light is the light of the Spirit
 - Like a communication system
 - transmits truth from its source to a mind “that is of the same species of God”
 - We are God’s offspring
 - Our mind has potential for same capacity
 - Organized and designed such that has capacity to transmit concepts of truth (God’s law) from its source to our minds
 - Enlighens our minds
 - gives us visions
 - clarity and understanding
 - ability to see with our minds, mentally what truth really means
 - “system which allows that to happen is named the Light of the Spirit, or Light”

D&C 84:43-46

- 45 – “For the word of the Lord is truth”

- it is law (part 2 of the Spirit) - the word of the Lord is law
- 45 - “and whatsoever is truth is light”
 - When truth is transmitted by the Spirit (light)
 - lightens our understanding
 - gives vision and clarity and understanding of concept that of truth
 - There is a system developed by God called the Power of Heaven or The Spirit
 - instruct the mind
 - cause the person to understand the mysteries of heaven and the workings of God
 - line upon line, precept upon precept
 - As a person obeys the laws by which the Spirit operates the Light of the Spirit reveals those things to that mind
- 45 – “For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ”
 - Named after Jesus because of his relationship to this earth
 - Spirit of Christ is a “something” named after Him
 - Because he is the man authorized to use it in His full capacity in the purpose of God in his work.
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Review

- The Spirit is made of up 3 things
 - Matter
 - which is named intelligence
 - The law
 - which is named truth
 - Light
 - which is the communicative system
 - capacity to communicate concepts of truth into minds of the children of God
 - Subject to their obeying the laws by which that operates

Christ

- Chosen in the council of Heaven
 - Called up and sustained by the Father and us
- Was given authority to act for the Father
 - Creation of this earth
 - Governing of this earth
 - The atonement
- Has the Priesthood
 - authority to act for the Father
- Obtained a fullness of the light
 - D&C 93:11-14
 - Received grace to grace
 - Fullness of Truth
 - When you receive of the Light of the Spirit you're are learning Truth
 - Know all Truth
- Christ has Priesthood & fullness of light so he knows all things
 - Qualified Him (and those who worked with him) to
 - take the stuff (matter - the Spirit)
 - subject it to law (also part of the Spirit)
 - stuff in the
 - right quantities
 - right proximity
 - right amounts of every atom
 - Put exactly where it ought to be
 - Christ created this earth
 - its systems
 - its subsystems
 - labored with it until it obeyed
 - labored with it until it became independent in that sphere in which they placed it
 - obedient to act for itself in all things
- Creation Summary
 - “created by taking Spirit, matter, subjecting it to Truth, or to the laws, and that by someone who had Priesthood authority and who had received a fullness of Light so they knew all things.
 - Thus it was created
 - Thus it remains 93 million miles from the Sun

- operates as though no one is operating it, yet someone is

Examples – why creator needs all Truth and be obedient

- Law of Gravity
 - If suspended for 60 seconds
 - Would be like before Creation
 - “Yonder there is matter unorganized”
- Electricity
 - Everything alive requires it
 - If suspended everything that lives would be dead
 - Everything would be gone
- Creation required
 - Someone with understanding of the Law
 - Having received by the Light of the Spirit
 - Someone 100% obedient to the law
 - Could not vary
 - Else chaos would be the outcome
- Computer
 - lump of stuff, inert
 - until someone with Light of the Spirit
 - Use the laws to organize a computer
 - Still dead until
 - Someone learns enough about the laws that govern it
 - Sit down and be obedient to it
 - If person obedient to laws that govern it, turn on power...
 - If obedient to 100% of its laws
 - Get wonderful stuff out of it
 - If disobedient to the laws that govern it
 - Computer stops, says:
 - “you have sinned and you are damned”
 - Sin – not to obey the law that governs the subject
 - Damned means stopped in progress
 - You can’t go forward on computer until you “repent”
 - recognize mistake
 - make restitution etc.

Earth life to prove obedience

- period to develop
 - Abraham 3:25
 - mind after divine nature of God
 - reason out law by using the Light of the Spirit
 - exercise agency against what we have learned
 - prove us – are we obedient
- Suppose no time proving ourselves
 - Suppose we had open access to the Spirit
 - matter
 - laws etc.
 - Chaos would reign if someone not obedient and proven had open access

Glory of God is Intelligence

- D&C 93:36
- What does that mean?
- Glory of the Father – The Spirit
 - No intermediary person between him and full, complete access to the Spirit (Intelligence, light and truth)
 - At his will
 - take matter, subject it to law to create worlds without number
 - Obedient to the laws of life
 - Procreate after his own kind, in his own image & likeness
 - People the worlds without number

Access to the Spirit requires obedience

- What is our destiny?
 - What is the Father's desire for us?
 - If we are obedient we'll be received back with him
 - We'll be able to have this ability to create etc. by the Spirit
 - Access to the Spirit – must be obedient
 - Holy Ghost is "Guard"

- “All access to the Spirit comes through the Holy Ghost”
 - Through Holy Ghost, obedient children can have access to the Spirit
 - We may have access if we are obedient, if it is expedient in God’s plan
- D&C 121:34-35
 - Not “can’t be learned”
 - Not “learned & forgot”
 - Not “learned and deliberately disobeyed”
 - Satan leads us to aspire....
- D&C 121:36
 - 36 - “That the rights of the Priesthood”
 - The authority God has given us
 - Whole doctrine of the Priesthood as a governing principle
 - 36 - “are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven”
 - Meaning the Spirit
 - 36 - “the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled”
 - Not “may” It is fixed so that
 - 36 - “only upon the principles of righteousness”
 - Just like computer
 - Can’t get information out unless obedient
 - Not with a hammer, threaten or “unrighteous dominion”
 - Same with the Priesthood
- D&C 121:37
 - 37 - That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves;”
 - What is withdrawn?
 - Usage of the Spirit, Powers of Heaven
 - We don’t have access to it
 - Holy Ghost controls access
 - No access – we don’t learn
 - Then we don’t know
 - are in ignorance and darkness

- 37 – “the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man.
- D&C 121:38-40
 - Commentary goes on
- D&C 121:41-42
 - Conditions are set of law upon which the powers of Heaven are used

Faith

- “Drives the usage of the Spirit”
- God hears prayers, words of ordinations & blessings
 - Subjects matter to law & causes things to happen