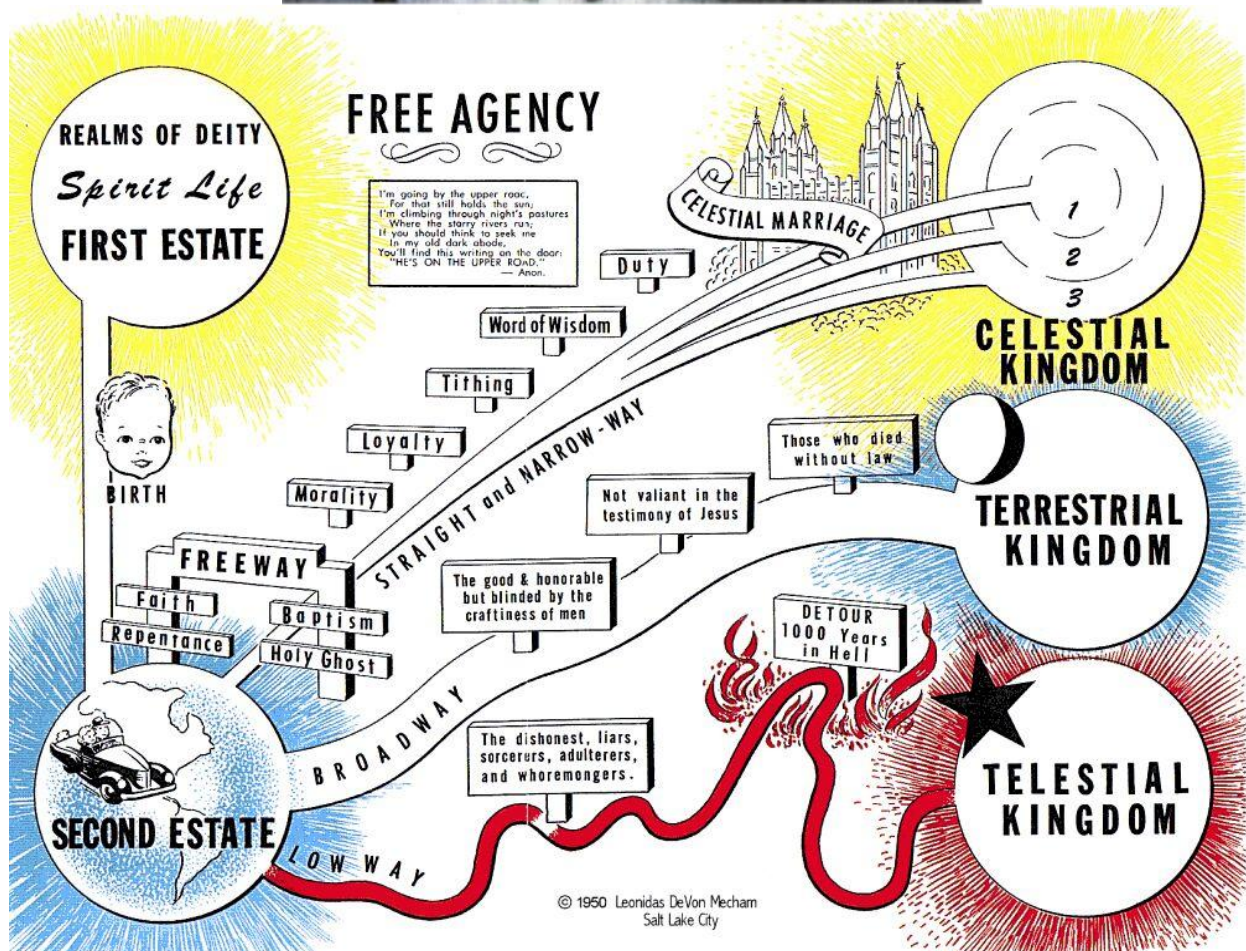


The Three Degrees of Glory



The scriptures help us understand the nature of life after death:

When Jesus Christ came to earth, there were five sects of Jews at the time of Jesus: Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots and Sicarii, and they thought that Jesus Christ was a radical and wanted to kill Him and they did through the Romans.

His teaching was radically different from the Old Testament they thought.

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They rejected Him, His Ideas, and His ways, so He formed a Church then.

Many different Christian faiths are rejecting Jesus Christ in these latter days teaching the same way as then.

They are treating His restored Church the same today, as then.

The Savior taught, in my Father's house are many mansions (John 14:2).

The scriptures explain that mansions are kingdoms.

The kingdoms in which, we will dwell in the life after this life.

Jesus Christ said, in my Father's kingdom are many kingdoms (or mansions), in order that ye may be heirs of the kingdoms of God and joint heirs with me.

No mortal man is perfect and must truly repent and forsake there sins.

There are mansions for those who obey and do all the commandments or truly repented of there sins and are striving to keep all the commandments, can obtain a celestial kingdom, everyone in there own order.

There are mansions for those who obey not in keeping all the commandments or have not truly repented and forsake them of there sins, but are truly kind to others and truly honest in there dealing with others can obtain a terrestrial kingdom, everyone there own order.

There are mansions for those who obey not in keeping all the commandment or have not truly repented and forsake them of there sins, but are not truly kind to others and not truly honest in there dealing with others will obtain a telestial kingdom, everyone there own order.

Then there is outer darkness where Satan and all that follow him, goes without any glory.

Blessings that are spiritual and are governed by spiritual laws.

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There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven, upon which all blessings are predicated, and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.

There is a relationship between obedience and blessings.

The Lord has said that we will be blessed and will live in a degree of glory in the next life according to the eternal laws we obey in our mortality life.

For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory (Mansion or Kingdom). The same holds true for the terrestrial and telestial kingdoms.

The comparison of the three degrees of glory: the celestial, terrestrial, and telestial kingdoms.

The Celestial Kingdom:

The Lord compared celestial glory to that of the sun, even the glory of God, the highest of all.

Those who will inherit this kingdom must do the following:



Receive a testimony of Jesus Christ and believe on His name.

Be baptized by complete immersion by those holding the true Aaronic (Priest) or Melchisedec priesthood of God.

Receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands by the Melchisedec priesthood of God.

Obey the commandments and be washed and cleansed of all sins and forsake.

Overcome by faith.

Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise.

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Those who qualify for the celestial kingdom will receive, among other blessings:

Be of a company of angels, of the general assembly and church of Enoch and of the Firstborn.

Receive the fulness, glory, and grace of the Father.

Be priests and kings of the Most High God.

Overcome all things.

Dwell forever in the presence of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

Be with Jesus Christ at the time of His Second Coming.

Come forth in the First Resurrection.

Go up unto Mount Zion and unto the heavenly city of God.

Minister to terrestrial and telestial beings.

Be able to have offspring, or in other words, gain the right to become eternal parents.

The doctrines of salvation for the dead and salvation of little children in the celestial kingdom:

All who have died without a knowledge of this gospel, who would have received it if they had been permitted to tarry on earth, shall be heirs of the celestial kingdom of God;

All that shall die henceforth without a knowledge of it, who would have received it with all their hearts, shall be heirs of that kingdom the celestial kingdom.

All children who die before they arrive at the years of accountability are saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven.

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Except for those whose mental abilities prevent them from reaching the age of, the age of accountability is eight (those over the earthly age of eight).

We do not know much about who will inherit two of the three degrees within the celestial kingdom.

However, much has been said about the highest level in the celestial kingdom, or exaltation, because that is where the Father wants all of His children to live.

The scriptures teach that temple marriage is the key to obtaining exaltation:

In the celestial glory there are three heavens or degrees.

And in order to obtain the highest, a man must enter into this order of the priesthood; meaning the new and everlasting covenant of temple marriage.

And if he does not, he cannot obtain the celestial glory.

He may enter into the other kingdom, but that is the end of his kingdom; he cannot have an increase.

If a man marry a wife by my word in the temple, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them by the Holy Spirit of promise, by him who is anointed, unto whom I have appointed this power and the keys of this priesthood, and if they abide in my covenant .

Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them.

The Terrestrial Kingdom:

The Lord compared terrestrial glory to that of the moon.

It exceeds the telestial in all things.



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Those who will inherit this kingdom are those who experienced one or more of the following circumstances:

Died without law.

Were in spirit prison and received a testimony there but rejected the testimony of Jesus Christ while on the earth.

Were honorable people who allowed themselves to be blinded by the craftiness of men.

Were not valiant in their testimonies of Jesus Christ.

Among other blessings and limitations, those who qualify for the terrestrial kingdom will:

Come forth in the First Resurrection after celestial beings are resurrected.

Receive of God's glory but not His fulness.

Enjoy the presence of the Son, Jesus Christ, but not the fulness of the Father.

Not be able to obtain a crown in the kingdom of God.

Be ministered to by celestial beings.

The Telestial Kingdom:

The Lord compared telestial glory to that of the stars, as one star differ from another in glory.

Those who shall inherit this kingdom are those who:

Rejected the gospel, the testimony of Jesus Christ, the prophets (of old and today), and the everlasting covenant.



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Were liars, sorcerers, adulterers, all lasciviousness, whoremongers, pornography, that indulge themselves in impure lusts, in fornication, adultery, and all lewdness, celibacy, conjurers, dealers with familiar spirits, necromancers, and such as use the magic art, witchcrafts, followers of antichrist, speak lies in hypocrisy, sabbath breakers, unbelieving, who pollute themselves, scoffers and mockers, murder of another, and those who hate a brother in their heart, murders, and much more.

- Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
- 1 Corinthians 6:6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.
- 1 Corinthians 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?
- 1 Corinthians 6:8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- 1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1 Timothy 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
- 1 Timothy 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
- Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

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Titus 1:11	Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
Titus 1:12	One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.
Titus 1:15	Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
Titus 1:16	They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
1 John 3:13	Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.
1 John 3:14	We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
1 John 3:15	Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
Revelation 9:20	And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
Revelation 9:21	Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.
Revelation 22:15	For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
1 John 5:17	All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
1 John 5:19	And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.
1 John 5:21	Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
John 8:7	So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone at her.
John 8:34	Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
Romans 3:9	What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
Romans 3:10	As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

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Romans 5:13	(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
Romans 6:1	What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
Romans 6:2	God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
Romans 6:3	Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
Romans 6:4	Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:5	For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
Romans 6:6	Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
Romans 6:7	For he that is dead is freed from sin.
Romans 6:14	For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
Romans 6:15	What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
Romans 6:16	Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
Romans 6:23	For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 7:1	Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?
Romans 7:14	For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
1 Corinthians 15:56	The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
2 Corinthians 5:21	For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
Galatians 2:17	But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

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Exodus 20:3	Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Exodus 20:4	Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
Exodus 20:5	Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
Exodus 20:6	And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
Exodus 20:7	Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
Exodus 20:8	Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Exodus 20:9	Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
Exodus 20:10	But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
Exodus 20:11	For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
Exodus 20:12	Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
Exodus 20:13	Thou shalt not kill.
Exodus 20:14	Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Exodus 20:15	Thou shalt not steal.
Exodus 20:16	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
Exodus 20:17	Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.
Leviticus 5:17	And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

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Deuteronomy 23:21	When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.
2 Chronicles 25:4	but every man shall die for his own sin.
Proverbs 14:9	Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.
Matthew 12:30	He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.
Matthew 12:31	Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
Matthew 12:32	And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.
2 Thessalonians 2:3	Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
Hebrews 10:26	For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
James 4:16	But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
James 4:17	Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
1 John 1:6	If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
1 John 1:7	But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1 John 1:8	If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1 John 1:9	If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:10	If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
1 John 2:1	My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
1 John 2:2	And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

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- 1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
- 1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- 1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
- 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
- 1 John 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
- 1 John 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
- 1 John 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
- 1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
- 1 John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
- 1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
- 1 John 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
- 1 John 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.
- 1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.
- 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

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- 1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- 1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.
- 1 John 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
- 1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
- 1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Among other blessings and limitations, those who inherit the telestial kingdom will:

Suffer the wrath of God on earth and not be redeemed from the devil until the last resurrection, which will take place after the Millennium.

Be denied the Savior's fulness.

Reject the restoration in last days before Armageddon.

Be able to receive the Holy Ghost through the ministration of beings in higher glories.

Never be able to come where God the Father and Jesus Christ dwell.

Such truths help us have a greater understanding of the plan of salvation or plan of happiness and a stronger testimony of Jesus Christ.

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We all have our agency to choose between good and evil.

We are blessed to know what our eternal destiny will be if we will keep the commandments and endure to the end.

Repent daily and forsake, and if we should slip again, just try harder, and repent and forsake.

Doctrines of Salvation:

Degrees of Glory:

At the final judgment, each person will be assigned to an eternal dwelling place in a specific kingdom of glory, except those who are sons of Perdition.

Jesus said, In my Father's house are many mansions, John 14:2.

There is one glory of the sun, and another of the moon, and another of the stars, 1 Cor. 15:40–41

Paul was caught up to the third heaven, 2 Cor. 12:2

There is a place of no glory and everlasting punishment.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

And I also remember that thou hast said that thou hast prepared a house for man, yea, even among the mansions of thy Father, in which man might have a more excellent hope; wherefore man must hope, or he cannot receive an inheritance in the place which thou hast prepared.

And again I remember that thou hast said that thou hast loved the world, even unto the laying down of thy life for the world, that thou mightest take it again to prepare a place for the children of men.

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And now I know that this love which thou hast had for the children of men is charity; wherefore, except men shall have charity they cannot inherit that place which thou hast prepared in the mansions of thy Father.

1 Corinthians 15:40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

1 Corinthians 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

1 Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

And again we bear record—for we saw and heard, and this is the testimony of the gospel of Christ concerning them who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just.

They are they who received the testimony of Jesus, and believed on his name and were baptized after the manner of his burial, being buried in the water in his name, and this according to the commandment which he has given.

That by keeping the commandments they might be washed and cleansed from all their sins, and receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands of him who is ordained and sealed unto this power;

And who overcome by faith, and are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true.

They are they who are the church of the Firstborn.

They are they into whose hands the Father has given all things.

They are they who are priests and kings, who have received of his fulness, and of his glory;

And are priests of the Most High, after the order of Melchizedek, which was after the order of Enoch, which was after the order of the Only Begotten Son.

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Wherefore, as it is written, they are gods, even the sons of God, (John 10)

Wherefore, all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are theirs and they are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

And they shall overcome all things.

Wherefore, let no man glory in man, but rather let him glory in God, who shall subdue all enemies under his feet.

These shall dwell in the presence of God and his Christ forever and ever.

These are they whom he shall bring with him, when he shall come in the clouds of heaven to reign on the earth over his people.

These are they who shall have part in the first resurrection.

These are they who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just.

These are they who are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly place, the holiest of all.

These are they who have come to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of Enoch, and of the Firstborn.

These are they whose names are written in heaven, where God and Christ are the judge of all.

These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood.

These are they whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun, even the glory of God, the highest of all, whose glory the sun of the firmament is written of as being typical.

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And again, we saw the terrestrial world, and behold and lo, these are they who are of the terrestrial, whose glory differs from that of the church of the Firstborn who have received the fulness of the Father, even as that of the moon differs from the sun in the firmament.

Behold, these are they who died without law;

And also they who are the spirits of men kept in prison, whom the Son visited, and preached the gospel unto them, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh;

Who received not the testimony of Jesus in the flesh, but afterwards received it.

These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men.

These are they who receive of his glory, but not of his fulness.

These are they who receive of the presence of the Son, but not of the fulness of the Father.

Wherefore, they are bodies terrestrial, and not bodies celestial, and differ in glory as the moon differs from the sun.

These are they who are not valiant in the testimony of Jesus; wherefore, they obtain not the crown over the kingdom of our God.

And now this is the end of the vision which we saw of the terrestrial, that the Lord commanded us to write while we were yet in the Spirit.

And again, we saw the glory of the telestial, which glory is that of the lesser, even as the glory of the stars differs from that of the glory of the moon in the firmament.

These are they who received not the gospel of Christ, neither the testimony of Jesus.

These are they who deny not the Holy Spirit.

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These are they who are thrust down to hell.

These are they who shall not be redeemed from the devil until the last resurrection, until the Lord, even Christ the Lamb, shall have finished his work.

These are they who receive not of his fulness in the eternal world, but of the Holy Spirit through the ministration of the terrestrial;

And the terrestrial through the ministration of the celestial.

And also the celestial receive it of the administering of angels who are appointed to minister for them, or who are appointed to be ministering spirits for them; for they shall be heirs of salvation.

And thus we saw, in the heavenly vision, the glory of the celestial, which surpasses all understanding;

And no man knows it except him to whom God has revealed it.

And thus we saw the glory of the terrestrial which excels in all things the glory of the celestial, even in glory, and in power, and in might, and in dominion.

And thus we saw the glory of the celestial, which excels in all things—where God, even the Father, reigns upon his throne forever and ever;

Before whose throne all things bow in humble reverence, and give him glory forever and ever.

They who dwell in his presence are the church of the Firstborn; and they see as they are seen, and know as they are known, having received of his fulness and of his grace;

And he makes them equal in power, and in might, and in dominion.

And the glory of the celestial is one, even as the glory of the sun is one.

And the glory of the terrestrial is one, even as the glory of the moon is one.

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And the glory of the telestial is one, even as the glory of the stars is one; for as one star differs from another star in glory, even so differs one from another in glory in the telestial world;

For these are they who are of Paul, and of Apollos, and of Cephas.

These are they who say they are some of one and some of another—some of Christ and some of John, and some of Moses, and some of Elias, and some of Esaias, and some of Isaiah, and some of Enoch;

But received not the gospel, neither the testimony of Jesus, neither the prophets, neither the everlasting covenant.

Last of all, these all are they who will not be gathered with the saints, to be caught up unto the church of the Firstborn, and received into the cloud.

These are they who are liars, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and whoremongers, and whosoever loves and makes a lie.

These are they who suffer the wrath of God on earth.

These are they who suffer the vengeance of eternal fire.

These are they who are cast down to hell and suffer the wrath of Almighty God, until the fulness of times, when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have perfected his work;

When he shall deliver up the kingdom, and present it unto the Father, spotless, saying: I have overcome and have trodden the wine-press alone, even the wine-press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.

Then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever.

But behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world, that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven, or as the sand upon the seashore;

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And heard the voice of the Lord saying: These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne forever and ever;

For they shall be judged according to their works, and every man shall receive according to his own works, his own dominion, in the mansions which are prepared;

And they shall be servants of the Most High; but where God and Christ dwell they cannot come, worlds without end.

This is the end of the vision which we saw, which we were commanded to write while we were yet in the Spirit.

But great and marvelous are the works of the Lord, and the mysteries of his kingdom which he showed unto us, which surpass all understanding in glory, and in might, and in dominion;

Which he commanded us we should not write while we were yet in the Spirit, and are not lawful for man to utter;

Neither is man capable to make them known, for they are only to be seen and understood by the power of the Holy Spirit, which God bestows on those who love him, and purify themselves before him;

To whom he grants this privilege of seeing and knowing for themselves;

That through the power and manifestation of the Spirit, while in the flesh, they may be able to bear his presence in the world of glory.

And to God and the Lamb be glory, and honor, and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

That bodies who are of the celestial kingdom may possess it forever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created, and for this intent are they sanctified.

And they who are not sanctified through the law which I have given unto you, even the law of Christ, must inherit another kingdom, even that of a terrestrial kingdom, or that of a telestial kingdom.

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For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide a celestial glory.

And he who cannot abide the law of a terrestrial kingdom cannot abide a terrestrial glory.

And he who cannot abide the law of a telestial kingdom cannot abide a telestial glory; therefore he is not meet for a kingdom of glory. Therefore he must abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory.

And again, verily I say unto you, the earth abideth the law of a celestial kingdom, for it filleth the measure of its creation, and transgresseth not the law—

Wherefore, it shall be sanctified; yea, notwithstanding it shall die, it shall be quickened again, and shall abide the power by which it is quickened, and the righteous shall inherit it.

For notwithstanding they die, they also shall rise again, a spiritual body.

They who are of a celestial spirit shall receive the same body which was a natural body; even ye shall receive your bodies, and your glory shall be that glory by which your bodies are quickened.

Ye who are quickened by a portion of the celestial glory shall then receive of the same, even a fulness.

And they who are quickened by a portion of the terrestrial glory shall then receive of the same, even a fulness.

And also they who are quickened by a portion of the telestial glory shall then receive of the same, even a fulness.

And they who remain shall also be quickened; nevertheless, they shall return again to their own place, to enjoy that which they are willing to receive, because they were not willing to enjoy that which they might have received.

Assignment to a particular kingdom in the resurrection is contingent upon the faith and works exhibited during mortal life.

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Revelation 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand (final judgment).

Revelation 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still (telestial kingdom): and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still (outer darkness): and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still (terrestrial kingdom): and he that is holy, let him be holy still (celestial kingdom).

Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

A white stone is given to each of those who come into the celestial kingdom, whereon is a new name written, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it.

This white stone will become a Urim and Thummim (or seer stone) to the recipient gets in the temple.

Exaltation:

The celestial kingdom itself is subdivided into three "heavens or degrees".

Only those individuals who are sealed in celestial marriage to a spouse in a temple while alive (or after death by proxy) will be permitted to enter into the highest degree of celestial kingdom.

These individuals will eventually become "exalted" and will be permitted to live "the kind of life God lives" as literal gods and goddesses.

The nature of the other two degrees within the Celestial Kingdom have not been described, except to say that the people who go there will become "ministering angels".

Perdition:

Some people will not be worthy to dwell in any kingdom of glory.

They will be called "the sons of perdition" and will have to "abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory".

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This will be the state of "those who know [God's] power, and have been made partakers thereof, and suffered themselves through the power of the devil to be overcome, and to deny the truth and defy [God's] power".

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The path to Exaltation:

1 We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2 We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3 We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4 We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5 We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6 We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.

7 We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.

8 We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9 We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

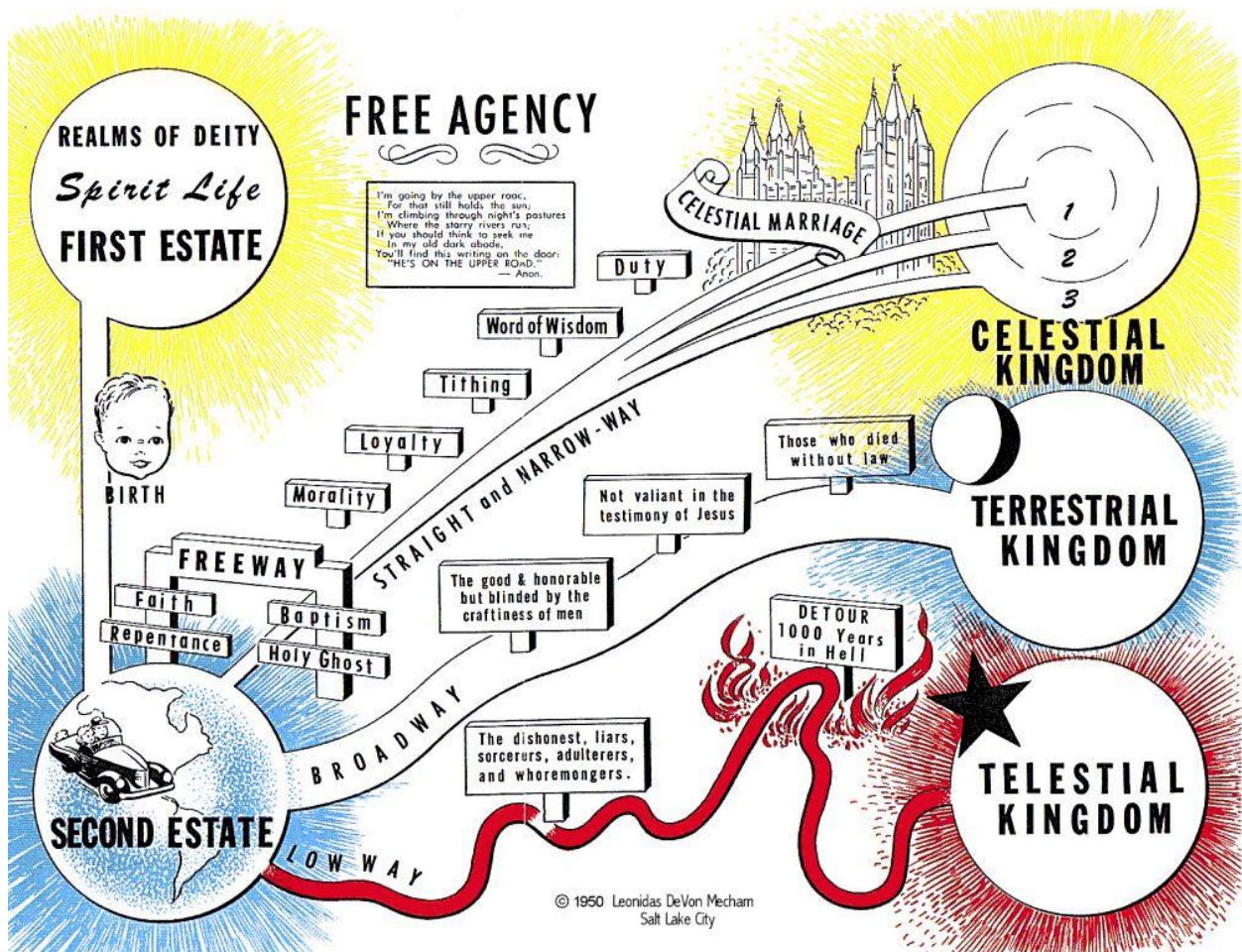
10 We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

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11 We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

12 We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.

13 We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.



Choose Wisely?