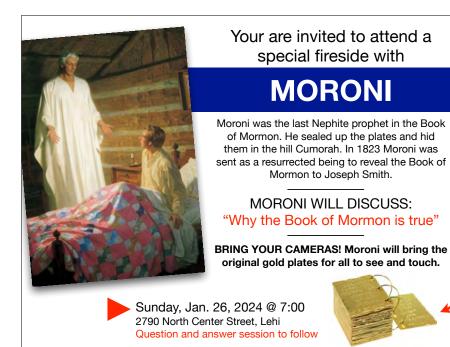
LESSON 2 OF 11

What are the multiple sources of revelation, and why is the Holy Ghost more converting than any other forms of revelation?



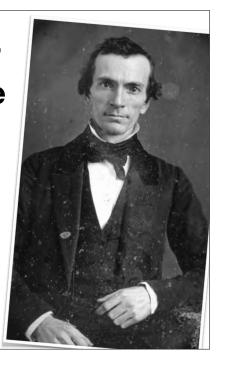


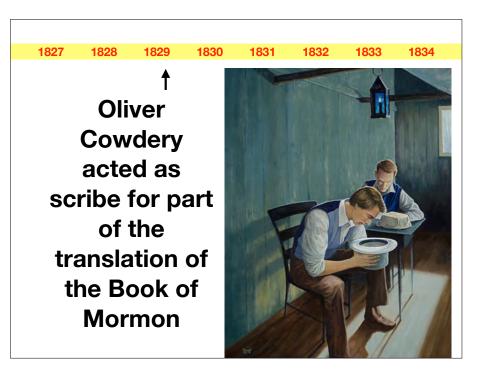
- 1 If you had a divine intervention, like Alma received...
- 2 If you had a dream like like Nebuchadnezzar...
- 3 If you heard voices like the Nephites in 3 Nephi...
- 4 If you had a vision like Lehi...
- 5 If you had a heavenly visitor like Moroni...

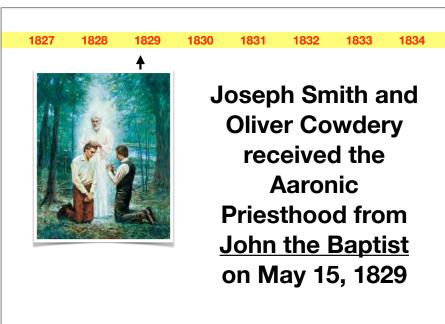
Would you be an immovable believer?

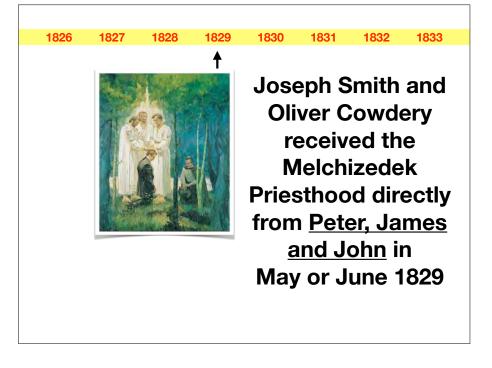


Why did Oliver Cowdery leave the Church after all his heavenly experiences?



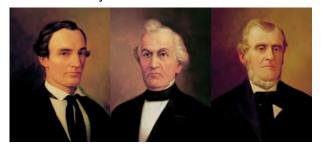






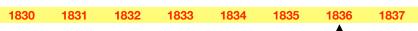


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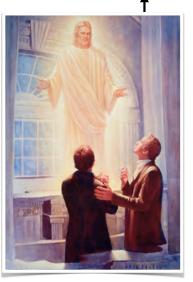
Oliver Cowdery saw the gold plates and was one of the Three Witnesses of the Book of Mormon.

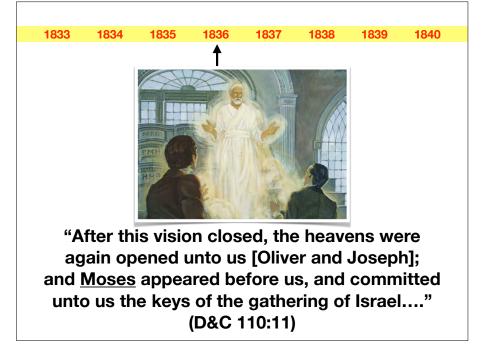




On April 3, 1836,

"We [Oliver and
Joseph] saw the
Lord standing upon
the breastwork of the
pulpit, before us; and
under his feet was a
paved work of
pure gold, in color like
amber" (D&C 110:2).







"After this, <u>Elias</u> appeared, and committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham, saying that in us [Oliver and Joseph] and our seed all generations after us should be blessed" (D&C 110:12).



great and glorious vision burst upon us;

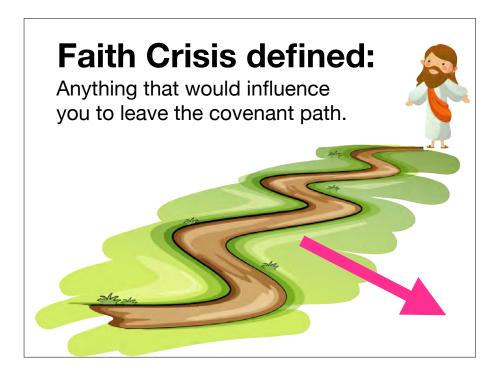
for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to

heaven without tasting death, stood

before us, and said" (D&C 110:13).









From the Church website:

"Economic troubles in Kirtland, including the failure of the Kirtland Safety Society bank, dealt a crushing blow to Oliver Cowdery's finances, and he reacted by pursuing his own enterprise rather than continuing to consecrate his property to the Church."

SOURCE: Church Website > Library > Books and Lessons > Church History > Church History Topics > Oliver Cowdery

"Cowdery further challenged Church leaders by accusing them of mismanaging funds and by spreading rumors that Joseph Smith had committed adultery."

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"In 1838, Joseph called on the high council to investigate Cowdery's allegations. The council eventually convened and considered several charges against Cowdery, ultimately voting to uphold most of them and excommunicating Cowdery."

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OLIVER COWDERY

1838 Excommunicated Re-baptized 848

DIED: March 3, 1850 (aged 43)

BURIED: Richmond, Missouri, United States



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

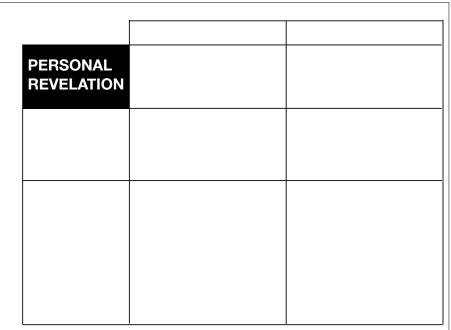
Although you and I were not living during the time of Oliver Cowdery—and we cannot judge—what does his story have to do with personal revelation?



THINK ABOUT THIS DURING TODAY'S LESSON:

Why is the convincing power of the Holy Ghost more converting than any other form of revelation including the five senses?





	Spiritual (Mind & Heart)	
PERSONAL REVELATION		

	Spiritual (Mind & Heart)	Earthly (5 senses)
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REVELATION		Sight · Sound Touch · Taste · Smell

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PERSONAL REVELATION		Sight · Sound Touch · Taste · Smell		
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PERSONAL REVELATION		More direct and less frequent			
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	Light of Christ	Interventions Dreams Audible Voices Visions Visitations

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PERSONAL REVELATION	Less direct and more frequent	More direct and less frequent
	Gift of the Holy Ghost	
	Light of Christ	Interventions Dreams Audible Voices Visions Visitations

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First, let's talk about revelation that is more direct and less frequent...and less converting than the Holy Ghost.



- 1 Interventions
- 2 Dreams
- 3 Audible Voices
- 4 Visions
- **5 Visitations**



These five forms of revelation—intervention, dreams, audible voices, visions, and visitations—can be "flash in the pan" experiences which are transient occurrences that may or may not not have a long-term effect.

Then, we will talk about that revelation that is less direct and more frequent...and more converting than the other forms of revelation.



6 Light of Christ7 Gift of the Holy Ghost



The experiences with the Light of Christ and the Holy Ghost can change your life permanently. These unseen experiences are like a campfire that, when stoked, can burn in your hearts forever. Elder Gerrit W. Gong says "our campfire of faith encourages us to establish regular patterns of righteous living that deepen faith and spirituality" (Oct. 2018).



THINK ABOUT THIS:

Regarding these five types of revelation, how can you make them a more permanent and longer-lasting conversion?



1 Intervention

An angel appeared to Lehi's sons



2 Dreams

An angel appeared to Joseph, Mary's husband



3 Audible Voices

Some Nephites heard Jesus but did not see Him



4 Visions

Lehi's had the vision of the tree of life



5 Visitations

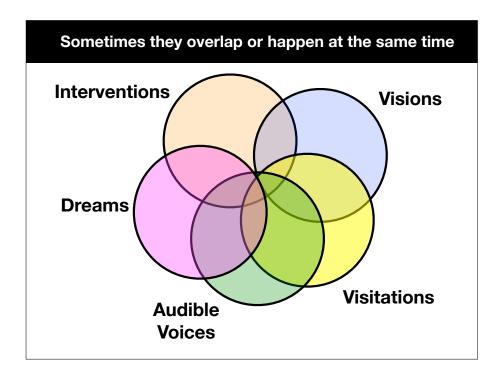
God and Jesus visited Joseph Smith

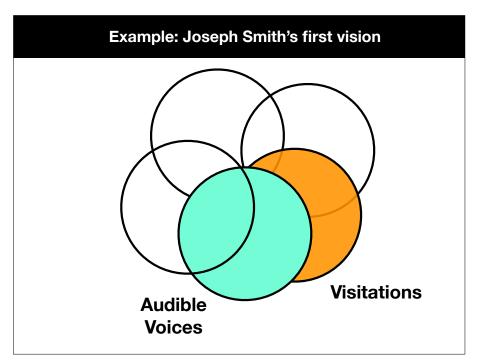


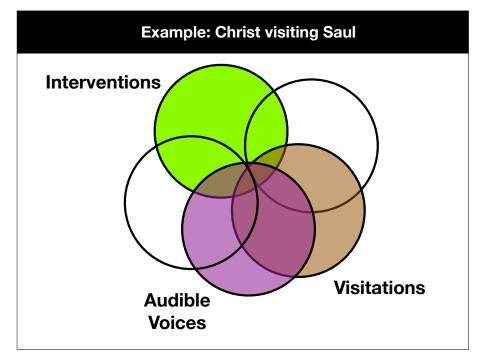
5 Visitations

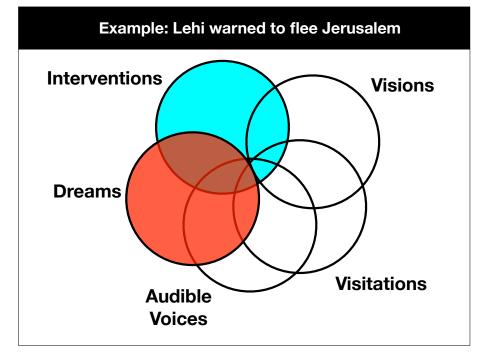
John the Baptist visited Joseph and Oliver

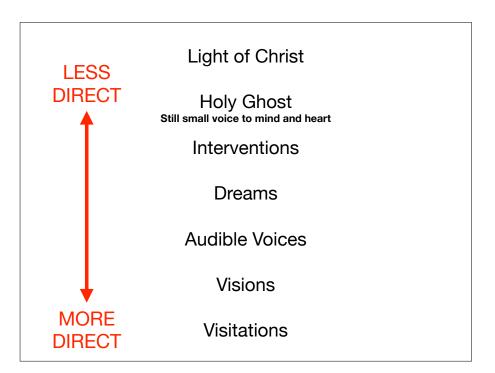


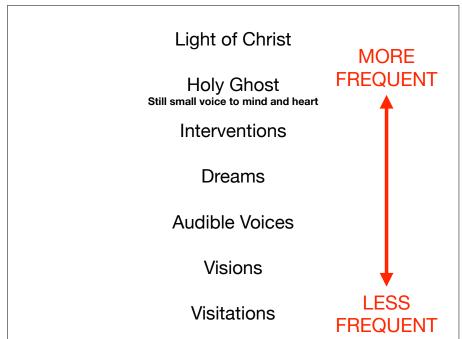


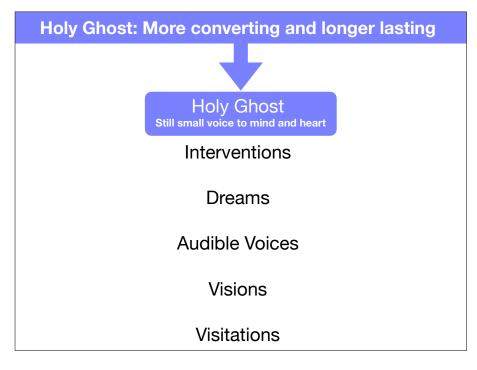


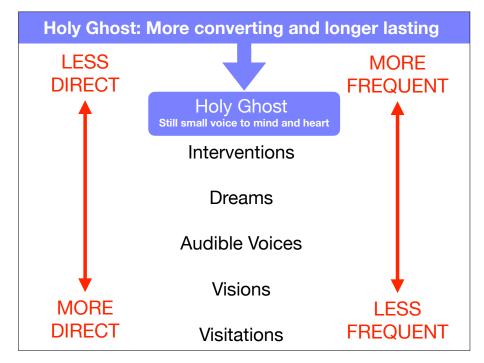














LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Regarding these five types of revelation, how can you make them a more permanent and longer-lasting conversion?

Let's talk about that revelation that is less direct and more frequent...and more converting than the other forms of revelation.





Light of Christ



The Bible Dictionary describe the Light of Christ: The phrase "light of Christ" does not appear in the Bible, although the principles that apply to it are frequently mentioned therein.

Source: Bible Dictionary



Biblical phrases that are sometimes synonymous to the term "light of Christ" are "spirit of the Lord" and "light of life." The "spirit of the Lord," however, sometimes is used with reference to the Holy Ghost and so must not be taken in every case as having reference to the light of Christ.

Source: Bible Dictionary



The light of Christ is just what the words imply: enlightenment, knowledge, and an uplifting, ennobling, persevering influence that comes upon mankind because of Jesus Christ. For instance, Christ is "the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Source: Bible Dictionary



The light of Christ fills the "immensity of space" and is the means by which Christ is able to be "in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things." It "giveth life to all things" and is "the law by which all things are governed."

Source: Bible Dictionary



It is also "the light that quickeneth" man's understanding. In this manner, the light of Christ is related to man's conscience and tells him right from wrong.

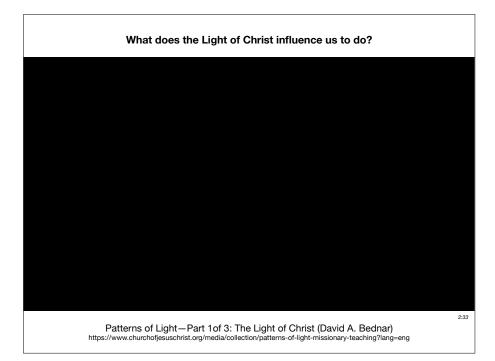
Source: Bible Dictionary



The light of Christ should not be confused with the personage of the Holy Ghost, for the light of Christ is not a personage at all. Its influence is preliminary to and preparatory to one's receiving the Holy Ghost. The light of Christ will lead the honest soul who "hearkeneth to the voice" to find the true gospel and the true Church and thereby receive the Holy Ghost.

Source: Bible Dictionary

"And that which doth not edify is not of God, and is darkness. That which is of God is light; and he that receiveth light, and continueth in God, receiveth more light; and that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day" (D&C 50:23–24).



"And the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit. And every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit cometh unto God, even the Father" (D&C 84:46–47).



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What other insights could you add to our understanding of the Light of Christ?







The Holy Ghost normally communicates to us through a still small voice filling our minds with thoughts and touching our hearts with feelings.



God speaks to us through the

STILL SMALL VOICE



Yea, thus saith the still small voice, which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest

D&C 85:66

Deep silence and calm

Yea, thus saith the still small voice, which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest

D&C 85:66

Not great in strength or power

Yea, thus saith the still small voice, which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest

D&C 85:66

Speak very softly using one's breath without one's vocal cords, especially for the sake of privacy

Yea, thus saith the still small voice, which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest

D&C 85:66

Go into or through (your heart)

Yea, thus saith the still small voice, which whispereth through and pierceth all things, and often times it maketh my bones to quake while it maketh manifest

D&C 85:66

Makes a powerful impact on you

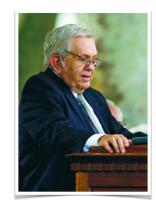
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D&C 85:66



The Spirit does not get our attention by shouting or shaking us with a heavy hand. Rather it whispers. It caresses so gently that if we are preoccupied we may not feel it at all. Occasionally it will press just firmly enough for us to pay heed. But most of the time, if we do not heed the gentle feeling, the Spirit will withdraw and wait until we come seeking and listening and say in our manner and expression, like Samuel of ancient times, "Speak [Lord], for thy servant heareth." (1 Sam. 3:10.)

The Candle of the Lord by Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, January 1983, 51–56



The Holy Ghost speaks with a voice that you feel more than you hear. It is described as a "still small voice." And while we speak of "listening" to the whisperings of the Spirit, most often one describes a spiritual prompting by saying, "I had a feeling ..."

Boyd K. Packer, October 1994

And it came to pass when they heard this voice, and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder, neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, it was a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it did pierce even to the very soul

Helaman 5:30



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Why does God talk to us through a still small voice?

God speaks to us through the MIND (thoughts) and HEART (feelings)





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. Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation.

D&C 8:2-3

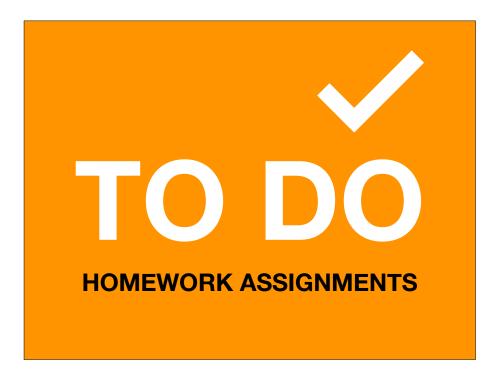
But, behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right.

But if it be not right you shall have no such <u>feelings</u>, but you shall have a stupor of <u>thought</u> that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong. D&C 9:8–9



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How do you know when God is communicating with you through your mind (thoughts) and heart (feelings)?





Send me your photo



- 1. Take a selfie.
- 2. Text it to 801-768-1344 or email to peterbrooks33@gmail.com.

(I want to remember your name.)

Fill in the blanks on "Evidences of the Spirit" handout

How do you know when you have the companionship of the Holy Ghost? How do you know when God is communicating with you through your mind (thoughts) and heart (feelings)?

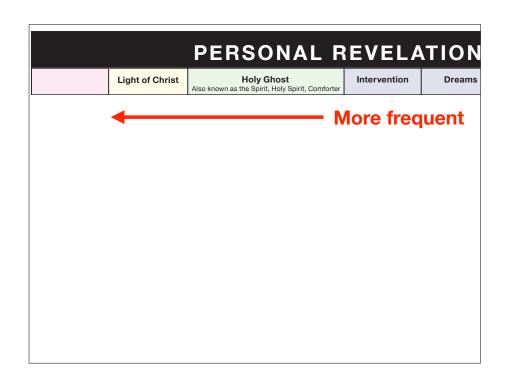


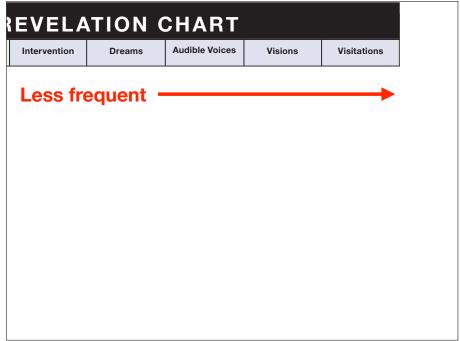
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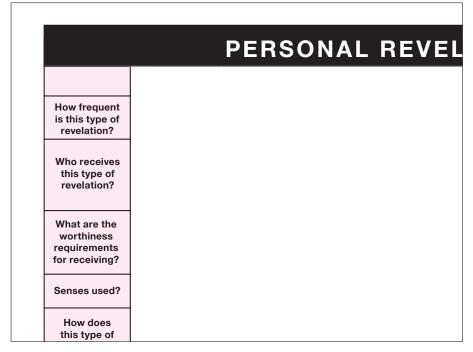
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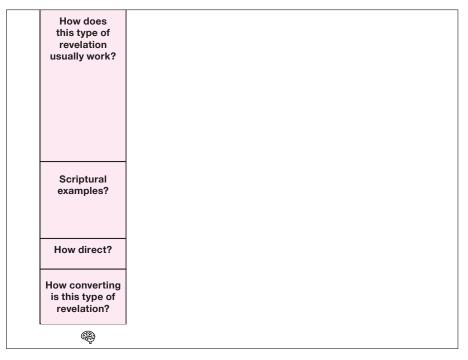
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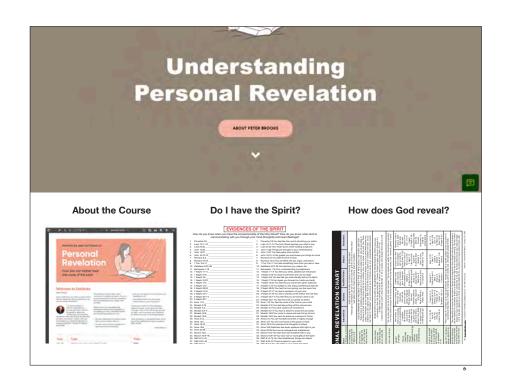
	Light of Christ	Holy Ghost Also known as the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Comforter	Intervention	Dreams	Audible Voices	Visions	Visitations
How frequent is this type of revelation?	The Light of Christ is ever present in the entire world.	Baptized and worthy members are privileged to "always have his Spirit to be with them" (Moroni 4:3).	These type	s of revelations are n	DDS OF REVELATION ot as common as the late in the frequency of these to	ight of Christ or the H	oly Ghost.
Who receives this type of revelation?	Everyone can receive. "And the Spirit giveth light to every man that com- eth into the world" (D&C 84:46).	To receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost, you must be baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.	GOID DETERMINES WHO RECEIVES THESE TYPES OF REVELATION, AND WHEN, AND HOW. These forms of revealitors are swilable to non-members and members of the Church according to the desires of God. God determines all forms of revelation: who, what, where, when, and how. These types of revelation are not always dependent on your vorthiness. How you receive these revelations depends on your agency and faith. You have the choice to accept it as a revelation from God. Or you can treat the "revelation" as a coincidence, an act of rature, magic, or an unexplaniable phenomenon.				
What are the worthiness requirements burnless and for receiving? To "always have" the Holy Ghost, you must be striving to obey coars commandents and doing your best to live a righteous, worthy life. BEING WORTHY IS NOT ALWAYS A REQUIREMENT OF RECEIVING REVELATION. Examples: > Intervention: Alms the Younger (Alms 38) > Dreams: Pharach's dream of Famine (Genesis 41) > Audible voices: Saulf Paul (Acts 9) - Visions: Lamoni and his Erister (Alms 17-22) > Visitations: Abinad is sent to King Noah (Mosiah 11-12); a donkey warns Balsam (Numbers 22-24)							
Senses used?	Heart and mind	"Sixth" sense: Gift of the Holy Ghost	Five senses: sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste. The five senses are earthly and not always converting The Holy Ghost is always more converting than the five earthly senses. See "converting power" below				
How does this type of revelation usually work?	It "proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space" (D&C 88:12-19). The Light of Christ is also known as: - Spirit of the Lord - Spirit of God - Spirit of Christ - Light of Life - Conscience	MIND HEART (Thoughts) (Feelings) -Aha Experiences - Remembrance - Vice in mind - Surring - Enlightenment - Testimony - Still Small Voice - Still Small Voice	Intervention is when a messenger comes unexpectedly. Examples: God to Moses. Jesus to Saul. God and Jesus to Joseph Smith. angel to Nephi and his brothers. Moses, Elias, Elijah to Joseph & Oliver in Kirtland temple.	Dreams come to you when you sleep. Examples: Lehi warned. Jacob's Ladder. Joseph of Egypt. Pharaoh's Dreams. Solomon. Nebuchadnezzar. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Magi's Warning. Pilate's Wife.	Audible voices come from God, Jesus or messen-gers. Examples: Jesus speaks to the Nephites (3 Nephi 9 and 11) Moses burning bush (Exodus 3) Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3) Samuel as a child (1 Samuel 3)	Visions come from God. Examples: Lamoni and His Father (Alma 17-22); Nephi's vision of the tree of life (1 Nephi 11) Isain's vision (Isaiah 6) Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel's Vision (Revelation 1-22)	Heavenly visitors come to earth. Examples: God and Jesus Christ (JS—H 1:17) Angels (1 Nephi 3:29) Deceased people (D&C 13) Animals (Numbers 22) Children (Alma 32:23)
Scriptural examples?	"For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (D&C 84:5).	"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. Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation" (D&C 8:2-3).	JS-H 1:16-20 Acts 26 D&C 110 Alma 36 1 Nephi 3:29-31	1 Nephi 2:1-2 Genesis 28:10-22 Genesis 37:5-10 1 Kings 3:5-15 Daniel 1, 2 Matthew 1:20-21	Mosiah 27 3 Nephi 9 and 11 Ether 3 Exodus 3 Matthew 3 1 Samuel 3	Alma 17–22 1 Nephi 11 Isaiah 6 Ezekiel 1 Revelation 1–22 Daniel 2	JS—H 1:17 1 Nephi 3:29 D&C 13 Numbers 22 Alma 32:23 3 Nephi 9-28
How direct?	Subtle, not dramatic	Still small voice (1 Kings 19:11–13). Mind, heart (D&C 8:2–3). Feelings (D&C 9:7–9)				pear real (Nebuchadne s); and unforgettable (J	
How converting is this type of revelation?	The Light of Christ leads to truth and the permanence of the Holy Ghost.	When the Spirit speaks to the mind and heart, the likelihood of conversion is high. "And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things" (Moroni 10:5).	The probability of conversion depends on the person's receptivity. Even though these types of revelation are sensational, the conversion impact can be temporary. Signs do not always covert (e.g. Korihor, Nehor, Seremil Y tour foundation is built on Christ (He. 5/12, and the Holv) (Robest enters your heart (2 Nebor,				













WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL:

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CLASS 3 OF 11:

What are some principles for receiving revelation? Why is most revelation given a little at a time?