

A Visit with Denver Snuffer

Questions and Answers
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Question Two: *In the lecture on Christ, the Prototype of the Saved Man given in Ephraim (6-28-14), you said, "...either I am a liar, and you ought to forget everything I've said, or I have been sent by someone greater than I am. If I have been sent and you reject and quibble over the things I declare to you, it is at your peril! It ought to be that way. I ought to be damned if I'm a pretender, and I ought to be damned and rejected by God if I'm saying things about which I know nothing! But I bear witness to you I know what I'm talking about. I have no reason to lie to you. I have no reason to pay to reserve a place to speak to you, and ask nothing of you but to listen. It requires a sacrifice to do what I am doing. I have no other reason to do this than to tell you the truth. Joseph Smith testified to these things and I am come as a second witness. Therefore you now have two proclaiming the same doctrine."*

You bring up Joseph Smith. Joseph testified the heavens are open. He bore witness of God the Father and His Son as two separate and distinct personages possessing glorified and perfected bodies. He also testified he was an instrument in the hands of Christ to bring about a restoration of things hidden since before the foundation of the world. You say you know what you are talking about. Do you mean this in the same sense Joseph Smith declared his knowledge, that it was received through revelation, vision and the visits of angels?

ANSWER (Denver): The answer to that question is "yes." If that were not the case, I would not be doing anything. What I do, teach and write is a product of contact with heaven. I've not elaborated on all the contacts, messengers, and visitations I've received because that would be, in my view, very counterproductive. It would suggest I'm more important than I am. God matters and men do not. God can save you and I cannot. The most important issue involves the substance of what I have taught. The most important individual is whoever hears what is taught.

When Christ appeared on the Road to Emmaus to announce His first lengthy post-resurrection message, He did not bother announcing who He was. All He did was announce His message, which was to expound the scriptures beginning with Moses and all the prophets, in order to show how in all things, it was testified that He needed to suffer and He needed to die. All I'm doing is modeling the One I serve. That is by taking Joseph and all the revelations of the Restoration, and showing how in all things, it is necessary for exactly what has, and is happening, to occur in order to fulfill the word of the Lord.

If I started talking about all the visits and visitations, immediately what people would say is, "This is a great man! He has stood in the presence of various angelic personalities! He's had various interviews and instructions. O my! Isn't he wonderful!" And the fact of the matter is, I'm not wonderful. I labor for my support, I have a hard time making all of my ends meet, I have a very difficult time meeting all of the responsibilities my wife and I have. She and I work together on a lot of problems dealing with family, dealing with money, dealing with limited means and a budget, and dealing with just life's challenges. I am no better than the next man and feel keenly my own inadequacies.

For me to say something other than the content of the message is to inspire either adoration or envy. It's foolish. It is unnecessary. It would be regarded as boasting by some, nuttiness by many others. It would not advance anything and may well set things back.

But the answer to your question is "yes." If it were not so, I would keep my mouth shut.

Question Two (part two): *As a second witness then, which you claimed you are, how is the Savior working through you to continue the restoration He began through Joseph Smith?*

ANSWER (Denver): God could, does, and will work through anyone who awakens and then pays attention. There's an army of witnesses and awakened individuals that are being assembled by God. It's required to know Him. I know Him. I have taught, and I know and understand His gospel. The first task is to assure people that He lives and His gospel exists as an authentic method for saving souls.

The second task is to remember the Restoration that Joseph gave his life to commence. We are ungrateful when we fail to remember and practice it. At the moment, there is almost no clear understanding of that gospel. I'm working to set that out in a comprehensive way.

The Restoration had never been completed. There is a great deal prophesied to roll out as part of the Restoration that is not even commenced:

- Do we have Zion?
- What about the lost teachings of the brass plates?
- Do we have the rest of the *Book of Mormon*?
- Do we have the testimony of John?
- Do we have restored knowledge of the Jaradites?

The list could be very long. But the fact that there is a list tells us that the Restoration must resume at some point in order to be completed. We don't have the Restoration on the table yet. Remarkably we have forgotten what we once had. So the first job is to show that we are grateful enough to remember, and to remember it in a fulsome comprehensive way before God is going to say, "Now I will permit it to move forward." We haven't gotten to the point of remembering yet, which is why we ought to be studying a lot more diligently the material that we got in the Restoration. We ignore it at our peril.