

Chapter 1 : Walton Music - Choral Music

A Breath of Kindness Filed Under: Archive Slider, Featured, Reflections Â· April 20, Â· 2 Comments Â· As with other forms of writing everywhere, it can at times be a little nerve-wracking to post to a blog.

I am aware that my wise and gentle friend Elder David B. Haight spoke about the Prophet Joseph a month ago. Please bear with me, therefore, as I seek to place the spotlight on the Seer in yet a different way on this Easter Sunday, during which our rejoicing is made more resplendent by the revelations and translations concerning Jesus that came to us through Joseph. These men do their part to slow the process of my becoming intellectually arthritic. He was a good man, but he was called by a perfect Lord, Jesus of Nazareth! Joseph Smith listened carefully to Jesus then and ever after. Ages ago in the Great Council, Jesus was the prepared but meek volunteer. Never has anyone offered to do so much for so many with so few words! It is through the Prophet Joseph Smith, whom the resurrected Jesus called, that we learn these things, and so much more, about Jesusâ€™ long before Bethlehem and well beyond Calvary. Whenever we speak of the Prophet Joseph Smith, therefore, it should be in reverent appreciation of the Lord who called him and whom Joseph served so well. From Joseph Smith, one unlearned and untrained in theology, more printed pages of scripture have come down to us than from any other mortalâ€™ in fact, as President Holland has pointed out, more than the combined pages, as available at present, from Moses, Paul, Luke, and Mormon. By the way, it appears that in the process of translating the Book of Mormon in the spring of , Joseph was moving along at the rate of seven to ten current printed pages a day. In Joseph was told not only that Jesus was with God premortally, but that: Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be. The silence of centuries was officially broken. As the morning of the Restoration began to break, the shadows of false doctrines began to flee. And the Lord said unto Adam: Behold I have forgiven thee thy transgression in the Garden of Eden. Hence came the saying abroad among the people, that the Son of God hath atoned for original guilt, wherein the sins of the parents cannot be answered upon the heads of the children, for they are whole from the foundation of the world. Note what accompanied a wondrous witnessing of the resurrected Jesus: For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Fatherâ€™ That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God. Deseret Book,], p. And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten. For behold, this is my work and my gloryâ€™ to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called. And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the prince, the archangel. And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him: I have set thee to be at the head; a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a prince over them forever. And Adam stood up in the midst of the congregation; and, notwithstanding he was bowed down with age, being full of the Holy Ghost, predicted whatsoever should befall his posterity unto the latest generation. These things were all written in the book of Enoch, and are to be testified of in due time. Let others, if they choose, make jokes about our first parents, Adam and Eve, or regard them as mere myths. As Professor Robert Matthews has observed, through Joseph Smith we received eighteen times as much as is in the Bible concerning Enoch. Without the Restoration, we would not even know there was a City of Enoch! The process is a stern test: And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. These restored truths came fully formed. Joseph Smith did not receive such truths through Solomon Spaulding, Ethan Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Oliver Cowdery, or any others to be advanced by those desperate for any explanation other than the correct one. Even so, most will ignore it. Still others will reject the Restoration, supplying their own alternative explanations, just as some did who once heard thunder instead of the voice of God see John This suggests that doctrinal illiteracy is a significant cause of murmuring among Church members. The Restoration responds resoundingly and reassuringly to the key human questions and provides the firm framework of our faith. Do we actually live in an unexplained and unexplainable universe? Is there

really purpose and meaning to human existence? Why such unevenness in the human condition? Why so much human suffering? The marvelous truths of the Restoration respond to these questions and are highly global, highly personal, and even galactic in their dimensions! Identity exists amid immensity. We are enclosed in divine purposes! There is no need for despair! His spelling left something to be desired, but how he provided us with the essential grammar of the gospel! The Restoration Our present appreciation of the restored gospel lags embarrassingly far behind the stretching significance of its doctrines and theology. So far as our exploring the terrain of truth opened up to us by the Prophet Joseph is concerned, we have barely reached the Platte River, and it is time for us as a people to move on! At one point, when he was translating the fourth chapter of 1 Nephi, Emma was acting as his scribe. Joseph reportedly encountered the words about the wall around Jerusalem see 1 Nephi 4: He apparently paused and asked Emma if, in fact, there was a wall around Jerusalem. She replied in the affirmative. Board of Publication,], 4: We naturally would like to know about that process of translation. In October ,Joseph Smith was asked by his brother Hyrum, at a conference held in Orange, Ohio, to give a firsthand account concerning the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. Ours is an age when, instead, the historicity of Christ is increasingly questioned. Therefore, it is no surprise for studious Christians to learn that the secular history of that meridian period is nearly silent about the ministry of Jesus. Yet even this brief mention may contain a possible chronological error. Harvard University Press,], 5: How important it is, given these conditions, that the New Testament not stand alone as evidence for Christ! Joseph Smith was also an eyewitness of the resurrected Christ. The period of adversity commencing in Richmond Jail and continuing in Liberty Jail from 1 December until the first week in April provides a special window through which we can see the process of revelation and personal consolidation under way. The dungeon at Liberty Jail had inner and outer walls which, combined, were four feet thick. Loose rocks were placed between the walls to thwart any attempt at burrowing through. Unjustly arrested and unjustly confined, Joseph and his companions tried twice to escape but failed. As thick as those walls and that door were, and as securely as they kept the Prophet and his fellow prisoners in, the walls were not thick enough to keep revelation out! During his stay in Liberty Jail, the Prophet Joseph Smith received some of the most sublime revelations ever received by any prophet in any dispensation, known now as sections and of the Doctrine and Covenants. Therein are divine tutorials by which the Lord schooled his latter-day prophetâ€”probably the most tender tutorials in all of holy writ now available. A Special Relationship Joseph Smith was probably first made intellectually aware of the special relationship he had with ancient Joseph, whom we commonly refer to as Joseph in Egypt, when the Prophet Joseph translated the third chapter of 2 Nephi. It was not until Liberty Jail, however, that the record indicates any public affirmation of this unusual relationship. Jessee [Salt Lake City: It was not an idle comparison, for it reflected an important verse in the third chapter of 2 Nephi. When Joseph Smith, Jr. The comparisons between the two Josephs, of course, reflect varying degrees of exactitude, but they are, nevertheless, quite striking. Some similarities are situational, others are dispositional. First, both Josephs had inauspicious beginnings. Initially, they were unlikely candidates to have had the impact they did on Egyptian history and American history, respectively. Both had visions at a young and tender age see Genesis The visions brought to both men hate from their fellowmen see Genesis Both knew sibling jealousy. Modern Joseph had to contend with a mercurial brother, William, whom Joseph forgave many times see HC 2: Both Josephs were generous to those who betrayed them. Ancient Joseph was generous to his once-betraying brothers whom he later saved from starvation see Genesis Both prophesied remarkably of the future of their nations and the challenges their governments would face see Genesis They both knew what it was to be falsely accused, and they both were jailed. Both, in their extremities, helped others who shared their imprisonment, but who later forgot their benefactors. In the case of ancient Joseph, it was the chief butler see Genesis Joseph Smith worried over an ill cell mate, Sidney Rigdon, who was freed in January Both Josephs were torn from their families, although ancient Joseph suffered through this for a much, much longer time. This, in each man, is a truly striking quality. Both were understandably anxious about their loved ones and friends. Phelps had briefly faltered, being part of the betrayals that had placed Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail. Yet later on, Joseph was generous. The next year, , when W.

Chapter 2 : Encouraging Acts of Kindness

A Breath of Kindness is a beautiful work for women's www.nxgvision.com is a tender reminder about how important and comforting true friendship can be. The music beautifully and expressively matches the text and is sure to be truly comforting to both the choir and the audience.

I occasionally get E-mails asking for the sources of quotes attributed to George Eliot. I do my best to track them down on the Internet, with varying success. I decided I might as well start keeping a record of what I and others have found. Oh, the comfortâ€”The inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, Those who get the author correct often get the source wrong, crediting it to a poem, "Friendship". Poem of the Week has the definitive answer: Thanks to Katherine Walker for informing me of the correct author. Oh, the comfortâ€”The inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, Having neither to weigh thoughts, Nor measure wordsâ€”but pouring them All right outâ€”just as they areâ€”Chaff and grain togetherâ€”Certain that a faithful hand will Take and sift themâ€”Keep what is worth keepingâ€”and with the breath of kindness Blow the rest away. Thus ended our little talk: True, the subject was strange enough; my sisters might have been shocked at it; and at my freedom in asking and giving opinions. Oh, the comfortâ€”the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a personâ€”having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together; certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of kindness blow the rest away. Somebody must have done a good deal of the winnowing business this afternoon; for in the course of it I gave him as much nonsense as any reasonable man could stand The strange subject of their little talk was, of all things, capital punishment. The talk took place on a Sunday afternoon after church, at which the minister had spoken out against the death penalty, widely used in England at the time and a controversial topic of discussion in social circles. Sara Read, in her book, Maids, Wives, Widows: It is never too late to be what you might have been. At the time I write this, I have received 5 queries about the following quote, which appears in various forms: It is never too late to be the person you could have been. It is never too late to be what you might have become. It is never too late to be what we might have been. It is never too late to be who you might have been. It is never too late to become what you might have been. It is never too late to become who you might have been. Like my E-mail correspondents, I was unable to track down a source for the quote. However, the fourth query arrived shortly after I had just finished reading a novel, , that frequently touched on the theme of the alleged Eliot quote. A search of the on-line text produced the following scrap of conversation: Halifax, what I might have been. Now it is too late. None other than Dinah Maria Mulock Craik - see the friendship poem above! I am but what I was born to be. Not only a nobleman, but a gentleman; not only a gentleman, but a manâ€”man, made in the image of God. How can you, how dare you, give the lie to your Creator? What have I to thank Him for? Would to Heaven, that by any poor word of mine I could make you feel all that you areâ€”all that you might be! It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them. Our life is determined for usâ€”and it makes the mind very free when we give up wishing and only think of bearing what is laid upon us and doing what is given us to do. How can we ever be satisfied without them until our feelings are deadened? I delight in fine picturesâ€”I long to be able to paint such. That is pain to me, and always will be pain, until my faculties lose their keenness, like aged eyes. Then, there are many other things I long forâ€”here Philip hesitated a little, and then saidâ€”"things that other men have and that will always be denied me. My life will have nothing great or beautiful in itâ€”I would rather not have lived.

Chapter 3 : George Eliot quotes

15 quotes from Dinah Maria Mulock Craik: 'Oh, the comfort â€” the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person â€” having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together; certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of

kindness blow the rest away.', 'But.

Chapter 4 : The Breath of Kindness | Sit . Sip . n . Be .

I'm not a senior yet but this is so true! Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary.

Chapter 5 : Joseph Smith: "A Choice Seer" - Neal A. Maxwell - BYU Speeches

You were given that breath of Life " gift of the Sacred Wind " at the moment of your birth. Throughout your life, it circles within you. And as you draw and release the last breath of your life, the Sacred Wind receives it back in an endless, perfect circle.

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A Breath of Kindness Lane Johnson Green Bay Girl's Choir Summer Camp.

Chapter 7 : A Breath of Kindness

" A friend is one to whom one can pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keeping what is worth keeping, and, with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

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"A friend is one to whom one may pour out the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that gentle hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away."

Chapter 9 : George Eliot Quotes (Author of Middlemarch)

"kindness is being a breath of fresh air to someone else when they feel like they are suffocating." "aktivist.