

Hemp, Healing & Heavenly Mother

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Speaking to our first parents in the Garden of Eden, God said, “Behold, I have given you *every herb* bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth” (Gen. 1:29). The hemp plant is one of these herbs. It was created for our use. Many call it a “**tree of life**” as it is one of the most versatile of all **healing** plants. Many foundational, **life**-supporting products are made from it too, including those for **food, clothing, shelter, and medicine**. It also helps us **connect with heaven**. This paper brings together the unique qualities of the hemp plant in three sections; (1) Its “life” supporting versatility as a **Tree of Life**; (2) Its many **Healing** qualities; And (3) As its use to help us better **connect us with “God”**. Many use it to develop a better relationship with not only our Redeemer and Creator Yeshua, who created this plant, but also our Heavenly Father *and Mother* who sent Him here. She has a special connection to this healing plant. We begin with the return of hemp farming to America after a 71-year absence.

The Hemp Plant Returns

Corrupt government lawmakers, pushed by lobbyists working for greedy corporate executives at Dupont and the Hearst Corporation, enacted laws stopping all farming of the natural hemp plant in 1937. This allowed their synthetic, petroleum-based replacement products (from industrial giant Dupont), and lower quality paper from timber rather than hemp (Hearst corporation), to both dominate the lucrative American market. The 1937 Marijuana Tax law criminalized farming of hemp or the cannabis plant, effectively denying Americans the many benefits of hemp products, including its many natural healing qualities. Synthetic products, including textiles from fossil fuels were then pushed upon the American people. They included patented “plastic” fabrics like Nylon, Rayon, and Dacron that place chemicals against the skin and don’t breathe. The natural plants fibers from hemp, flax (linen), or cotton are much healthier for the body, with frequencies as much as 500 times higher (see the chart on page 6).

Similar health concerns are present with many chemical-based pharmaceuticals. Many have adverse side affects, including addiction. In 1970, effective natural remedies from the hemp plant were also **outlawed** with new anti-drug laws. Physicians could no longer legally prescribe anything made from this God-given hemp plant, even though it prospered here for over 300 years. With these two new laws in place, American made hemp products disappeared, a result of inflammatory lies and propaganda spread by corporate executives at Dupont and the Hearst Corporation. Their push, combined with yellow journalism and connections to government insiders **demonized** the hemp plant in the minds of the American public. The new laws connected Marijuana and other drugs with all products from the hemp plant. These half-truths led to the 1937 and 1970 laws, insuring that the petroleum and timber industries might dominate the lucrative American market.

For 71 years, we the people have paid the price for these **lies**, along with the **cover up** of promising **cancer research studies** utilizing the natural hemp plant, all in connection with corporate money for politicians (see some of these **cancer** studies from 1974 to 2018 in endnote 12). Effective natural remedies using the hemp plant are now replaced with more expensive, synthetic substitutes from **big pharma**, including man-made drugs that often treat only the symptoms of the malady rather than curing the foundational causes of **cancer** and other diseases.



Far Left – Christian Illustration with a 7-leafed Cannabis Indica plant; Left - Egyptian goddess Sesbat, tied to “wisdom”, Pharaoh Tutmosis III described this deity as, “she of the seven points”; Right - Cave painting, Kyushu, Japan, 10,000 B.C; Far Right - Cannabis Indica plant, Vienna Dioscurides, a Greek medical textbook, 512. A.D.

Then in 2018 the Trump administration pushed through the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, allowing for the legalization of hemp farming once again. This was largely because a caring citizenry in all 50 states cried out for access to the natural, safe, healing effects of this God-given plant, effects recognized around the world. Trump's new law legalized cultivation and sale of "industrial hemp" in the U.S., defined as hemp or cannabis plants that contain less than 0.3-percent THC (the hallucinogen found in Marijuana). With the 2018 law, hemp is now again emerging as an important American agricultural commodity, with clear ties to better health and wellbeing. This paper addresses this unique plant and its many strengths, a plant that can help you and I heal *and* connect with heaven.

A Short History of Hemp Usage

The usage of hemp plants goes back many thousands of years and in some of the world's greatest cultures. This is evident in their art, where its use has been preserved visually. In the four pieces of art on page 1, note the 7-leafed plants, potentially the *Hemp or Cannabis-Indica* plant. In 2737 B.C., Emperor Shen Neng of China is said to have used cannabis tea or oil to relieve pain *and* treat various illnesses, including gout, rheumatism, malaria, and poor memory. Called "Ma Fen", those using too much of the herb are said to have seen devils or dark spirits, but if used carefully over time, it was said to improve communication with spirits and lighten the body. Taoists in the 4th century B.C. used the herb to heighten their sense of wellbeing. Hemp farming and trade with it was so important in China, that prior to the evasion of the Mongols in 1200, China was known as the "land of mulberry and hemp". It was also a capital crime to share hemp seeds with others.

Medicinal and spiritual use of the hemp plant is also documented in the Greek and Roman empires. Besides medicinal use, oracles in Greece used the herb to cleanse themselves and ward off evil. In India the plant was considered sacred and was used to treat various maladies *and* to bring happiness and a sense of liberation. Ancient Native Americans smoked the flowers and leaves of the plant in "peace pipes" to connect with "the Peacemaker" or "Great Spirit", and as part of vision quest ceremonies. They sought peace in their relationship with others too. The hemp or cannabis plant was also used in the Islamic world and among the Hebrews of the Bible. One very good example is Exodus 30, where God instructed Moses, Aaron and the priests to formulate both a Holy Anointing Oil *and* special Incense that would be used only inside the ancient Tabernacle. Both were made from special herbs or "spices". One was from the hemp plant (see pages 8-11).

The Spaniards introduced hemp farming to the New World in 1545. Then 150 years later, and prior to the Revolutionary War, King James I of England (farmed in the British Isles since 800 AD), required colonial farmers in America to grow hemp for export back to Britain. The King's Royal Navy relied on the hemp plant for canvas sails, rope, the sailor's clothing, and pennants. Hemp also supplied the charts, maps, logs, and Bibles for each ship. High quality paper came from hemp fibers from the time of Columbus (15th Century) until the early 1900s in the Western European/American World, and by the Chinese from the 1st Century A.D.

We know Benjamin Franklin farmed hemp for his paper mill and that George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew hemp on their plantations for a variety of useful purposes. By the 1850 U.S. Census, there were 8,327 hemp "plantations" in North America (a minimum 2,000 acres to farm). Our early Founding Fathers attempted to preserve our freedoms with the Declaration of Independence, written upon fine quality parchment originating in the hemp plant. Even our first flag, "Old Glory" was also made from hemp fibers¹, as was the clothing of soldiers under George Washington's command. History shows that in 1776 the "Daughters of the American Revolution" (the DAR of Boston and New England) organized spinning bees to clothe these soldiers with thread spun from hemp fibers. The early pilgrims came to this land for freedom. Many have come to America for its freedom. They have had to overcome lies, greed, and power-hungry men wanting control to preserve it. And though outlawed from 1937 to 2018, we are free again to take advantage of this useful plant for our own health and wellbeing.

Hereafter, the focus of this paper includes three subject areas tied to hemp. In part **I. Hemp – A Tree of Life**, the *great usefulness* of the hemp plant is explored revealing *how it sustains* "life". In part **II. The Diverse Healing Power of Hemp**, the many useful health benefits of this plant are explored. And in part **III. Connecting with Heaven, including Heavenly Mother** - the spiritual aspects of the plant are addressed, including its unique ties to Heavenly Mother as "Wisdom", "the Shekinah", and "the Holy Spirit", in connection with the holy anointing oil of the Bible.

I. Hemp - A Tree of Life

Many see the hemp plant as a “**tree of life**”. This is because it is one of the most useful, eco-friendly plants on earth. Thousands of diverse products originate in the hemp plant, including those meeting the most basic necessities of **life** itself. The entire hemp plant has proven to be very useful, including its stalk, leaves, flowers, and seeds. They are used to produce **food, clothing, shelter, and medicine**, along with **incense** and **anointing oils** that help us **connect with heaven**.

Specific products from hemp **stalks** include the *strongest* canvas, rope, and cordage, the *finest quality* art papers, and the *most durable* natural *fabrics* for *clothing*. Hemp and flax-based (linen) *clothing* features the *greatest light frequency* (measured in megahertz) of any known fabric (5,400 mhz compared to organic cotton at 100 mhz, or synthetic nylon or polyester at only 10 mhz). In addition, some of the *most nutritious foods* and *dietary supplements* originate in hemp **seed**, for both people *and* animals. The **seeds** are pressed into various types of *oils* for not only *food*, and *cooking oils*, but for *cosmetics, skin care, paints, fuels* for *transportation*, and *lighting oil*. Hemp produces *eco-friendly building products* too, like *brick, insulation, carpeting, paneling, plywood*, and “*hempcrete*”.



THE VERY USEFUL INDUSTRIAL HEMP

with over **50,000** different uses...

HEMP SEEDS

HULLING

HEMP MEAT

Food



Dairy products



HEMP SHELL

Flour



Bakery Products



HEMP OIL

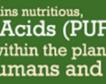
Personal Care Products



Cooking Oil



Fuel / Paint



HEMP CAKE

Food Beer



Feed



Harvest

Intermediate processing

Further processing

HEMP STALKS

DECORTICATING

HEMP FIBER



Hacking
PRIMARY
(Line) Fiber

Fabric Insulation
Carpeting
Paneling

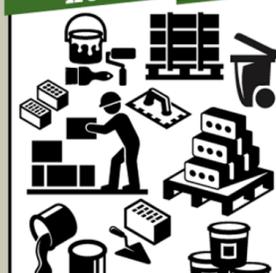
Hacking
SECONDARY

Cordage
Pulp
Recycling
Additive

Scutching
TOW

Cordage
Bagging
Fiber Board

HEMP HURDS



Fiber board
Compost
Mortar
Paper filler
Absorbent bedding
Chemical feedstocks
- Plastics / Paint / Sealant

Anything made out of cotton, timber or petroleum can be made out of hemp

Hemp fiber is the **strongest** natural fiber in the world

Hemp hurds can be cleanly **Converted** into **Gasoline!**

Through a Heat Process called **PYROLYSIS** Hemp Biomass can also make Ethanol, Methanol & Methane Gas

HEMP is a RESOURCE

20

years for trees to mature

4

months for hemp

Hemp can yield 3-8 dry tons of fiber per acre, **FOUR** times what an average forest can yield.



Paper, fertilizers, soil nutrients and animal bedding can be made from leftover waste when processing hemp.

This means all parts of the plant are being used, or put back into the earth.

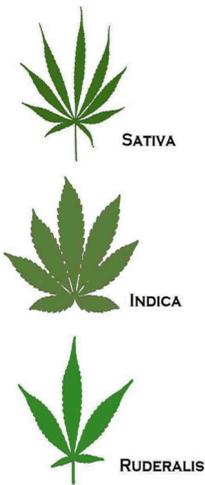
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Of special note are the *many health and wellness products* originating in the **seeds** and **flowers** of this unique *healing* plant, including its *nutrition-packed oils*, special *medicinal supplements*, and *clinically approved drugs*, like **CBD** and **THC** oils. The *oils* contain natural ingredients also useful for *spiritual wellness*. They may be applied to the skin as *anointing oils*, or breathed in as *incense* diffused into the air, or even more directly by *smoking* portions of the plant, a favorite method among Native American men in ritual ceremonies. Today, portions of the plant are also consumed orally as *edibles*. History shows that for thousands of years, portions of the plant have also been used to enhance one’s *spiritual connectedness to heaven*. This continues today with many groups, including the Rastafarians.² And it is especially true of

sacred settings where *incense* is burned, and in places where *meditation*, *prayer*, and *seeking God* are a priority. As we will see hereafter, this may include the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness.

Hemp Plant Basics

The hemp plant is a woody, herbaceous, flowering annual that uses the sun very efficiently to reach up to 20 feet high in one short growing season (3-4 months). It can be grown in virtually any climate or soil condition on Earth, even marginal ones. Although there are many strains or hybrids of custom-tuned hemp-cannabis plants, three main families define it today. Each is marked by a different leaf pattern, featuring 5, 7, or 9 leaves to a stalk. **Sativa** and **Indica** are the most common and useful of these, used to energize and uplift, or to help one be calm and relaxed.



9 leaves / Hemp or Cannabis **Sativa** is known for high concentrations of THC and relatively low levels of CBD, both of which can be strengthened by human breeding. Sativa energizes and uplifts, providing motivation and greater focus and alertness. Some suggest it increases creativity, while reducing nausea, relieving depression, and providing a sense of wellbeing.

7 leaves / Hemp or Cannabis **Indica** is known for having higher CBD content than Sativas. Indica moderates the effects of THC on the body and mind and serves as a muscle relaxant. It also reduces inflammation and provides pain relief, while aiding sleep (a sedative). It reduces stress and anxiety too, while also increasing dopamine production.

5 leaves / Hemp or Cannabis **Ruderalis** is known for very low levels of THC and CBD but is “auto-flowering”, making it useful in breeding with Sativa or Indica strains in outdoor environments, while retaining the auto flowering feature of Ruderalis plants. It means a crop can be planted, maintained with little effort, and then replanted right after harvest – as flowering will be affected by the time grown, as opposed to seasonal change.

The hemp plant is “dioecious”, meaning it is part of only **7%** of all **flowering** plants worldwide (known as “angiosperms”) that produce **separate** male *and* female plant. “Monoecious” plants are those single plants that feature both male and female reproductive organs on them, like corn and squash. Stressful environmental factors or genetics, or both, cause some cannabis plants to develop both female **flowers** and male **pollen sacs** on the same plant (a hermaphrodite) so that they might survive and reproduce themselves.



The Hemp or Cannabis plant has three primary varieties marked by 5, 7, or 9 leaves, and a variety of colorful flowers. The unique colors are largely due to the presence of plant pigments such as chlorophyll, anthocyanins, and carotenoids. Different conditions like weather and soil nutrients impact plant pigments, resulting in the presence of purple, orange, red, and even pink or blue. Exposure to cold temperatures inhibits chlorophyll production, allowing anthocyanins and carotenoids to show through. This is the same process occurring when tree leaves change color in the fall.

The **female** plant produces both **seeds** (if fertilized, for oil and food) *and* **flowers** (for THC oil, containing the psychoactive herb of Cannabis-Hemp or Marijuana). Both the plant and its **flowers** are seen in many different colors, based on growing conditions like weather or soil nutrients. The **flowers** are fertilized by pollen (carried by wind or from insects) from **male** plants. They feature pollen sacs. After fertilization, the female plants develop **seeds** rather than growing fine-quality **flowers** that produce THC. Modern growers prefer **female** plants that produce both **flowers** and **seeds** - for greater production of both THC and CBD oils.

Hemp Seed as Food: *Oils & Protein*

Hempseed may be the most complete single **food** source for human *and* animal nutrition. Pressed into oil, it also produces the highest quality protein or “seed” cake. The hemp “nut” (it is not a true “seed”) can be sprouted (malted) or ground into flour and baked into cakes, breads and casseroles. It can also be used as a substitute for dairy products. Hempseed oil contains **the highest quantity of essential fatty acids in the plant kingdom!** Note its content of proteins, vitamins, minerals, and omegas in the chart on page 5. These *essential oils* are responsible for good immune system response and clear the arteries of cholesterol and plaque.

Animals often have an innate sense of nutrition. This is evident in birds and fish that love hemp “seed” (the nuts that are normally called “hemp hearts” at the grocery store). Up until the 1937 prohibition law, these small nuts were the world's number-one “birdseed”, for both wild and domestic birds (four million pounds of “hempseed” were sold in the U.S. in 1937). Birds pick hempseeds out first to eat from a pile of mixed seeds. It is also one of the favorite types of fish bait in Europe.



Nutritional Comparison Chart			
Seed	Hemp	Flax	Chia
Protein	10g	5g	5g
Carbs	3g	9g	13g
Omegas	10g	9g	7g
Vitamins & Minerals	vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B6, vitamin D, vitamin E, chlorophyll, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, copper, potassium, phosphorus, and enzymes	vitamin B1, vitamin B6, manganese, magnesium, phosphorus, selenium, iron, potassium, copper and zinc	vitamin B, vitamin D, vitamin E, calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, boron, and niacin
Fiber	2g	4g	5g

Protection from Plagues: *Past, Present & Future*

Health is often tied to pushing away darkness, disease, and death. This includes plagues in the Bible that were defeated with select natural ingredients God created, like the special ingredients found in the hemp and cinnamon plants. Hemp, for example, produces some 113 cannabinoids along with a variety of terpenes. Both are known to be **antibacterial, antifungal, and antiseptic**. They are also *anti-inflammatory*, which is good for *pain relief, memory retention*, and to relieve *stress and tension*.

In Numbers 16 we read about how Moses and Aaron stopped a plague with a special burning **incense** formula given them of God. The story involves a group of 250 men, led by one named “Korah”, who wanted the priesthood of Moses and Aaron, but without God’s approval. They and the thousands following them rebelled against God and His two choice servants. This is why the plague came among the people.

“And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on **incense**, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the *plague* is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the *plague* was begun among the people: and he put on **incense**, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the *plague* was stayed” (Num. 16:46-50).

The plague killed 14,700 people, until God directed Moses and Aaron to intervene. The holy **incense** filled the air in and around the camp and was inhaled by both the sick and the healthy. Inhaling, via diffusion of the oils, or via inhaling smoke allowed the medicine to go first to glands located next to the brain and to the lungs. From there, these living substances entered the bloodstream killing – on contact - life-threatening pathogens among the Israelites. Made from various plant parts and their natural, pressed oils, the smoking **incense fumigated** Israelite homes (in verse 47, the Hebrew word “qetoreth” literally means “**fumigation**”). The formula for this particular **incense** may have included cinnamon, myrrh, and perhaps **kane-bosm**, a Hebrew word for hemp-cannabis, which has **antibacterial, antifungal, and antiseptic** qualities (see pages 8-10).

Essential oils, like those coming from the hemp plant, are all natural and safe and remain the most potent **healing** substances known to modern science. Man-made drugs cannot surpass their **anti-infectious, anti-viral, anti-fungal, anti-spasmodic, and anti-inflammatory** qualities, whether they are applied topically, inhaled as smoke, or ingested orally. James wrote, “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, *anointing* him with **oil** in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the *sick*, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him” (James 5:14-15).

Plagues are among us again today. We can protect ourselves from them in the same way Moses and Aaron fought them with God-given herbs *and* prayer. God’s servants asked for protection and **He** supplied answers along with natural remedies like the cinnamon, hemp, and other plants. In the end it is God that protects us, however, not the *faith* of Moses or Aaron, not the *priesthood* they held (as symbolized in the *rod* Moses lifted up to part the Red Sea) or any one thing. God worked the wonders. **He** can save us miraculously, anytime, anywhere, including all darkness tied to the Covid-19 plague and the dangerous vaccinations tied to it, including “shedding”.³ This is the promise of Psalm 91, where **He** promises those who love **Him** and turn to **Him** - the following:

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of [relationship with] the most High shall abide [and be protected] under the shadow [or hand] of the Almighty . . . **He** is my refuge [not things or people] . . . in **Him** will I trust. Surely **He** will deliver thee . . . from the noisome pestilence . . . **He** shall cover thee with **His** feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: **His** truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall **not** come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked . . .” (portions of Psalm 91, some words have been *bolded or capitalized*).

Buying the Right Stuff – Using it the Right Way

CBD and THC probably need to be taken together, as our heavenly parents designed the plant with both. Buying them together can be problematic in many states, however. If you can only get and use CBD alone (for legal purposes), keep in mind that how you get it into your body is very important, as the “**delivery**” method may be why you don’t experience the promised results. Here’s what I have learned...

Taking medicines like CBD orally is one of the worst ways to get it into your bloodstream, as much of the problem is your stomach and liver that intercept it and change the chemistry in mostly negative ways. Large quantities of CBD (and other drugs) can be harmful to your liver too. Normally, the best ways to get this stuff inside you include; (1) Injection, followed by (2) inhalation, (3) via mucus glands inside your nose and mouth, (4) through the skin (like a nicotine patch), and then other ways, with swallowing it like a pill clear down to # (8). That can be remedied, however (as pills are very convenient), by making the product into a nanoparticle medicine. This allows it to be absorbed much faster into your bloodstream. Apparently, nano-sized particles of CBD bypass the liver altogether and are absorbed 8x faster than regular CBD.

I am currently using a 2-part (morning and evening) nanoparticle, eyedropper delivery system, full-spectrum CBD product, that also includes other ingredients for either daytime or night-time (sleeping) use. The extra ingredients are divided up into 2 separate products and may include Taurine, Gaba, Vitamin B-6, B-12, Valerian, Vitamin C, Citric Acid, Melatonin, L-phenylalanine, Caffeine Anhydrous, and Cordyceps Sinensis. Email me for results. I am not endorsing a particular products for money or any other benefit. Like you, I want truth and I want results!

Healthy Clothing for Priests, Kings & Angels

Besides *applying* oils or from hemp and other plants, *breathing in* special **incense** or *smoke* from them, or *consuming foods* or *medicines* originating them, we can also *wear clothing* during the day or *sleep between sheets* at night, that are made from the hemp plant and its relative, flax (which produces “linen”). These two natural fabrics were once very common among us. Science has shown that they, along with wool have the highest known **light**, *energy*, or *frequency* of any known fabric, 500 times that of synthetic fabrics! This may be due to its crystalline (silica based) infrastructure. Prayer in connection with natural things God has given us, can protect us.

Hemp Fabrics	5,400 megahertz (mHz) or angstroms / from God’s creation
Linen & Wool	5,000 megahertz (mHz) or angstroms / from God’s creation
Organic Cotton	100 mHz / also from God / bleached, non-organic cotton is 40 mHz, however
Rayon	15 mHz / produced from chemically processed wood fibers
Silk	10 mHz / produced from an unclean insect, worms killed in the process of making the fabric. Spider webs are often used to strengthen silk threads
Manmade Fibers	0-10 mHz / these include polyester, acrylic, spandex, lycra, viscose & nylon

Today cotton and man-made synthetics, like Nylon, Dacron, and polyester fabrics (from petroleum) dominate our potential choices. No other fabric compares to hemp or flax (linen) in terms of *light*, which overpowers darkness throughout scripture. This explains why priests, kings, and angels in the Bible were directed by God to wear clothing made from hemp and flax plants (see Ezek. 44 and the author’s paper *The Seven Benefits of Linen*).

II. The Diverse Healing Powers of Hemp

Father *creates* and **Mother** provides *life*. This is why Mother is often tied to the “**tree of life**”. Her focus is often plants that not only *beautify* the earth, but also support **life** here through their many *healing* qualities. The *healing* is physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual, all of which aid in *healing* relationships and opening new ones, including our relationship with “God” (Yeshua, Father, and Mother). Today, many have now come to the realization that our overall improvement in health is best served by the use of natural plants and herbs created by God, rather than expensive drugs from pharmaceutical companies. The *healing* qualities of the hemp plant can take on a much greater role in our lives when its use is tied to faith in God as our “**healer**” through prayer. As we develop a better relationship with Jesus, Father, and Mother via communication, we can know “how” to be *healthier*. The hemp plant is an excellent natural health alternative for these purposes. Over 23,000 studies have been conducted thus far on its effectiveness as “medicine”. Some of that research is presented hereafter, though much of it, including significant **cancer-related research** has been pushed aside and ignored in favor of the **pharmaceutical** industry and their **big money**. Once again, government officials, including presidents like Gerald Ford, pushed aside positive research results in **cancer** studies so that **big pharma** could prosper (see endnote 12 for these pro-cannabis **cancer** studies). This corruption and cover-up today is reflected in *the Word of Wisdom* (“**Wisdom**” is another name for Mother in heaven, see section III of this paper). It is about maintaining our *health* via *wise* choices. Note verse 4 below.

“In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of **conspiring men** in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this **word of wisdom** by revelation – “ (see D&C 89).

Improving our health is possible by **ingesting** food and medicinal products that come from the hemp plant. We can **inhale smoke** via **incense** or a “peace pipe” from its burning flowers or leaves. We can also **absorb** its herbal magic through our skin with **anointing oils**, or **sleep** in-between **sheets** made from hemp at night, or **wear clothes** made from it (or its relative the flax plant). Besides higher light or energy than any known fabric, hospitals today are now utilizing the hemp plant for *robes*, *scrubs*, *lab coats*, *towels*, *privacy curtains*, and *bed-sheets* because of their **anti-infectious**, **anti-viral**, and **anti-fungal** health characteristics!

It is the *female* hemp plant that is the primary source of these healing qualities. It has flowers and seeds that supply very useful nutrition *and* medicine. Hemp has very unique ability to heal, physically, mentally, emotionally, *and* spiritually. Women are often the first to care for the health of their children. A wise, caring Heavenly Mother has revealed Her great love for us with a unique, life sustaining plant. Hemp plant oils, containing CBD and THC effectively treat a host of diseases and health concerns, including those tied to our emotional *and* mental health. The

healing is done without adverse side effects or addiction. Note some of the many health benefits of the hemp plant. It is used to treat or heal the following things:

1. Mental, Emotional & Neurological Issues including:
Epilepsy, Seizures, Convulsions, Stress, Anxiety,
Nervousness, Agitation, Depression, and treatment of
Social Phobias, OCD, PTSD, and Bi-Polar Disorders
2. Chronic Pain
3. Irritable Bowel Disease & Syndrome
4. Bone Healing & Building
5. Asthma
6. Endometriosis
7. Glaucoma
8. Insomnia
9. Migraine Headaches
10. Fibromyalgia
11. Neurogenesis (growth of brain cells)
12. A natural Anti-inflammatory, Anti-oxidant,
Anti-sposmatic, and Anti-biotic product
13. Useful in Removing Drug Addiction
14. Lowering of Blood Pressure
15. Colitis, Crohn's Diseases, Celiac Disease
16. Reduction of Plague Buildup

“Mental, Emotional & Neurological Issues” are listed *first* in the chart on the health benefits of the hemp plant for good reason. This is because the **maintenance of our overall health** is controlled by our own natural **endocannabinoid system** (ECS), in connection with our **brain, spinal cord**, and **neurological** system. Medical researchers now recognize that the ECS is the most fundamental physiological system in our body, used for *creating* and *supporting* **optimal health**, where the body operates in **homeostasis**. The ECS is a kind of “primordial language” used by the **brain, spinal cord**, and **nerve cells** to communicate with each other, and to the other major systems of the Body. From birth to death, the **endocannabinoid system guides and protects all vital health processes for humans and animal life** (excepting the insect world). The ECS acts as a traffic cop for communication among all 12 major systems of the body, like the nervous, respiratory, or reproductive systems.

The discovery of the ECS was made after both THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and CBD (cannabidiol) were first identified in the hemp or cannabis plant, representing just 2 of 113 known cannabinoids. It was Dr. Raphael Mechoulam, an organic chemist and professor of Medicinal Chemistry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem (a pioneer in cannabis research over the last 50 years) who discovered that humans and animals both produce their own natural **cannabinoids** internally. He found that these *interact* with those **cannabinoids** outside the body as provided in the hemp cannabis plant - to regulate mood, memory, appetite, pain, sleep, and more (see the list below). The ECS controls the **homestasis** of the following healthy functions within the human body:

Appetite	Immune Function	Movement	Anti-Aging Processes
Metabolism	Inflammation	Temperature	Mood
Pain	Neural Development	Digestion	Memory & Learning
Sleep	Neuro-protection	Reproduction	Cardio Vascular Function

The **cannabinoid** receptors *naturally* present in our bodies are embedded in cell membranes and are of two types: CB1 and CB2. The CB1 receptors are mostly found in the **brain, spinal cord**, and **nerve** endings. CB2 receptors are present in the gut, spleen, liver, heart, kidneys, bones, blood vessels, lymph cells, endocrine glands, and reproductive organs. CBD and THC oils cause the body to indirectly increase the activity of CB2 receptors, and thus signal the increase of more of its own naturally occurring **cannabinoids**.

God created the hemp plant to **heal** us, to meet the basic necessities of **life**, and to improve our connection to heaven. Many thus consider it “a” **tree of life**. There are many good websites and books addressing the health benefits of the hemp-cannabis plant. With them we can research and experiment with those natural hemp products that can make a difference in our lives! Of special note is the usage of the hemp plant in spiritual situations, like that of the holy anointing formula given of God to Moses in Exodus 30. It appears to have been for the health and wellbeing of the Moses, Aaron, and the priests ministering to the LORD at the Tabernacle. It may have also been useful for them in establishing a better connection with heaven.

A Personal Note All of us want to feel our best. As a 65-year old male, I use hemp products to slow the aging process and improve my health and wellbeing. I have seen three major improvements in my physical and psychological health as a result of turning to hemp over the last couple of months; (1) My severe *migraine headaches* have been reduced from about 3 per week to 1 every two weeks (in time I believe they will be totally eliminated); (2)

I have also had *insomnia*, tied to *prostrate problems*, where I had to get up to urinate 3 or so times a night. With CBD oil and other natural ingredients, I now sleep through the night without waking; And (3) I have a *more positive, cheerful*, and *relaxed attitude* generally, due to treatment of neuro-transmitters in my brain and body that regulate hormones in the 12 major systems of my body. This last issue is huge, as my mental state effects all the relationships in my life; family, friends, complete strangers, and how I interact with “God”. A review of the healing power of this tree of life-like plant, reveals four types of healing.

- Healing food, nutritional supplements, and oils for body, mind, spirit, and soul
- Healing medicines taken into the body via ingestion, anointing, or inhaling of smoke or incense
- Healing fabrics via natural, high frequency clothing, bed sheets, and more
- Healing of mother earth via environmentally friendly farming and building practices, and natural fuels from plants

The healing qualities of hemp can be magnified as we turn to God for direction with it in responsible ways. The wise seek the Spirit and the will of God in all things (2 Ne. 32:8-9), including how we use natural medicine

III. Connecting with Heaven, including Heavenly Mother

The last section of this paper features exploration on how the hemp plant was *and* is used **spiritually**. In Exodus 30 we read about the formula for Holy Anointing **Oil**. As we will see hereafter, its use was tied to connecting with heaven and receiving **the Spirit** of *pure revelation*, including communication with **Mother in Heaven**. She is called “**Wisdom**” in many verses of scripture, and is tied to **the Spirit**, to **Light**, and thus to **the Tree of Life**, as symbolized by **the Menorah** in both the Tabernacle of Moses *and* the House of the LORD built by Solomon.

According to Old Testament scholar Margaret Barker, this symbol of **Mother** sat next to the **Throne** (symbolizing Father) in the Holy of Holies of Solomon’s Temple. **Oil was said to come** from this **Tree** providing “**life**”.⁴

It 2020, the Smithsonian Magazine reported discovery of THC residue from the **hemp** or **cannabis plant** on an ancient altar dated to about the 6th Century B.C. The altar was located at an ancient religious shrine near Tel Arad, about 35 miles west of the Dead Sea. There in the 1960’s, archeologists found residue of *frankincense*, *animal fat*, and *dung* burnt on an altar at the site. Additional analysis of a darker residue on another nearby altar (right side of photograph) proved inconclusive. Sixty years later in 2020, this sample was re-examined using modern techniques. The researchers found that it contained **cannabis** and *animal fat* and *dung* (like the other altar). They added that the



Frankincense mixed with animal fat and dung was burned on the left altar, whereas cannabis mixed with animal fat and dung was burned on the right altar. Some suggest the two altars may be tied to a male god left (frankincense) and a female god right (cannabis). Photograph by Laura Lachman, courtesy the Israel Museum.

dung and *animal fats* of both altars, was used to create a higher temperature burn for both the **frankincense** (burned on the **bigger, right, male altar** – from God’s perspective in the Holy of Holies looking out), and the **cannabis** (burned on a **smaller, left, female altar**). The higher temperature burn helped to *release* their respective mind-altering effects within *fragrant smoke*. Testing revealed that the **cannabis** residue had enough THC in it to induce an altered state of consciousness by *breathing in* its fumes. This is the first evidence found of a mind-altering substance tied to the religious life of the ancient kingdom of Judah.

The Tel Arad area contains ruins of both Israelite fortresses from between the 10th and 6th centuries B.C., and remains of a Canaanite city from the 3rd millennium B.C. It is significant that all are contemporaneous with Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem. There, according to Barker, a **Tree of Life** symbolizing

Mother was placed next to the Father's **throne** in the Holy of Holies of the House of LORD King Solomon built (Alex Fox, *Archaeologists Identify Traces of Burnt Cannabis in Ancient Jewish Shrine*, Smithsonian Magazine, 4 June, 2020).

Though widely used for millennia, specific references to the **hemp** or **cannabis plant** in scripture are difficult to find. There are three reasons for this; (1) First, many *confuse the hemp plant* with its relative **the flax plant**. Both produce durable fabrics that were utilized by priests inside the Tabernacle. The flax plant produces "linen", the primary fabric for priestly clothing in the Bible (see the author's paper, *The Seven Benefits of Linen*). The 1893 to 1910 editions of *Encyclopedia Britannica* state that at least half of all writings addressing "linen" fabrics should be attributed to the hemp or cannabis plant. Linen comes from the flax plant, however, not hemp. (2) A second impediment to finding more "hemp" or "cannabis" evidence in this and other parts of the world has been a lack of advanced chemical examination techniques until now.

And (3) There has also been purposeful **editing** of scripture by controlling leaders and scribes, along with **poor translation** of ancient scripture. This is the case with Sula Benet, a little known Polish etymologist from the Institute of Anthropological Sciences in Warsaw. In 1936 she discovered that the Hebrew word for the hemp or cannabis plant was *not translated correctly* in the 3rd century BC Septuagint. Additional later translations of the Bible then reflected this same error over and over. Benet found that the Hebrew word "**kaneh-bosm**" or "**kannabus**" was mistranslated at least 5 times in the Old Testament – to either "calamus" or "sweet cane". Benet stated, "In the original Hebrew text of the Old Testament there are references to **hemp**, both as **incense**, which was an integral part of religious celebration, and as an **intoxicant**" (see Sula Benet, *Early Diffusions and Folk Uses of Hemp*, in *Cannabis and Culture*, Vera Rubin, Ed.).

Benet's research revealed that the root word "**kan**" in this particular construction meant "reed" or "hemp", while "**bosm**" meant either "aromatic" or the number "2". In addition, related words include "**quanuba**, **cana**, and **kanah**". A number of scholars have traced "**kaneh-bosm**" back to the dawn of the 6,000-year old Indo-Semitic-European language family base of the Sumerians and Accadians. They discovered that the early Sumerian/Babylonian word K(a)N(a)B(a), or Q(a)N(a)B(a) is one of man's longest surviving root words. **KN** means "**cane**" and the **B** in "**bosm**" means "**two**" - as in 2 reeds or "**2 sexes**" (note also the **2 altars** in the photograph on page 8, one for frankincense [male] and one for cannabis [female]). The hemp or cannabis plant has "**2 sexes**", a male and a female plant. The hemp or cannabis plant is part of only 7% of all flowering plants that have distinct male and female plants. And note that it is the **female flower** of the hemp plant that produces THC (along with CBD oil), whereas the *male* plant provides pollen for fertilization via a "pollen sac". Insects and the wind carry male pollen onto **female flowers** to fertilize them.

According to Benet, translators of the early Greek Septuagint in the 3rd century BC mistranslated "**kaneh-bosm**" five times. In our King James Version of the Bible, for example, the word "**kaneh-bosm**" is replaced with "**calamus**" three times, and with "**sweet cane**" two more times. The five scriptures include, (1) Exodus 30:23, (2) Song of Solomon 8:14, (3) Isaiah 43:23, (4) Jeremiah 6:20, and (5) Ezekiel 27:19. *Three* are tied to King Solomon.

"Calamus" has psychoactive properties like Cannabis. It comes from a common marsh plant that is known to contain toxins causing severe nausea and prolonged vomiting over many hours after ingestion. The FDA banned Calamus from use in U.S. foods and medicines in 1968, as tests found that it contains more than 75% asarone, a poison shown to cause cancer (this poison is used in pest control today). Calamus also produces ill effects on the heart, liver and kidneys, yet in low dose quantities, it too may have usefulness. Why would God have Moses, Aaron, and others use calamus? Prayer, offered up without bias ("idols in our hearts") can confirm "the truth of all things", including whether the five examples hereafter are in fact mistranslations of "**kaneh-bosm**"? My wife and I asked in prayer about the anointing oil formula in Exodus 30:23, to determine whether verse 23 should have been translated as "**kaneh-bosm**" (Cannabis), "**calamus**", or something else? We received that "**kaneh-bosm**" is the better translation, not "calamus" in this example. We also received that other words translated as "calamus" may be accurate, based on context. Prayer is thus needed to determine truth in all things (see 2 Nephi 32:8-9). Benet's 5 mistranslated Bible references are listed hereafter, beginning with Exodus 30.

Scripture #1. *God spoke to Moses, giving him the formulas for holy anointing oil and incense, both taken into the body. He told Moses that He (God) would meet with Moses in the cloud of incense above the Ark (see verses 6 & 45). / Exodus 30:22-34, verse*

23 is the mistranslated verse / “Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take thou also unto thee principal *spices*, of [1] pure **myrrh** five hundred shekels, and of [2] sweet **cinnamon** half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of [3] sweet **calamus** [Benet’s correct translation results in the Hebrew word “**kaneh-bosm**” or “**kannabus**”, translated into English as “hemp” or “cannabis”] two hundred and fifty shekels, And of [4] **cassia** five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of [5] **oil olive** an hin: And thou shalt make it an oil of **holy ointment**, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an **holy anointing oil**. And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of **incense**, And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most **holy**: whatsoever toucheth them shall be **holy**. And thou shalt **anoint** Aaron and his sons, and **consecrate** them, that they may minister unto me in **the priest's office**. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an **holy anointing oil** unto me throughout your generations. Upon [normal] man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: **it is holy**, and it shall be **holy** unto you. Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people” (Ex. 30:22-34).

Earlier verses 8-10 state, “And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet **incense** every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn **incense** upon it. And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn **incense** upon it, a **perpetual incense** before the LORD throughout your generations. Ye shall offer no strange **incense** thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.”

The two formulas used by Moses and Aaron in the Tabernacle, were for the *anointing* of their bodies or to *breathe it in* as **incense**. Scripture tells us that **God spoke to Moses in a cloud of incense** resting above the Ark in the Holy of Holies (see Leviticus 16:2). This is an important scripture suggesting that specific herbs in the incense were useful aids in connecting with heaven. The formulas appear to have aided their physical healing and their spiritual awareness. In addition, the anointing **oil** was also used to *sanctify* the Tabernacle and all its implements, including the Laver of Water, the Altar of Sacrifice, the Menorah, the Table of Shewbread, the Altar of **Incense**, and the Ark of the Covenant. The holy **oil sanctified** all that it touched, including God’s servants, Israel’s priests *and* kings.

The first formula in Exodus 30 (below left) is for a 5-part **female-focused holy anointing oil**, perhaps the “**the oil of joy**” (Psalm 45:7; Isaiah 61:3; Acts 13:52). It is said to come from “**the Tree of Life**” (tied to **Heavenly Mother**). The second formula (below right) for **incense** has four listed ingredients. Both formulas list **Myrrh** (a female focus) first. The second incense formula has **Frankincense** (a **male-oriented** component) listed as the last ingredient. Note that there were two altars in the photograph on page 8, one featuring cannabis (*female* focus?) and the other featuring frankincense (*male* focus?). **Olive oil** was used as a *carrier* for the anointing oil ingredients.

Anointing Oil Formula (Ex. 30:22-33)

1. Myrrh oil, a **female**-focused oil
2. Cinnamon oil
3. **Kaneh-bosm**”, “**Kannabus**” or a **female-focused oil**
4. Cassia oil

Incense Oil Formula (Ex. 30:34-38)

1. *Stacte* (also called Myrrh), a female focused oil
2. Onycha
3. Galbanum
4. **Frankincense** oil, a **male**-focused oil

Usage of the hemp or cannabis plant was widespread in ancient Bible lands for many reasons. One is the plant’s psychoactive qualities, believed to aid meditation, prayer, and worship practices. In the Tabernacle of Moses, they may have helped Moses and Aaron connect with God via prayer, meditation, visions, and dreams. Various aromatic herbs are taken into the body for these and other purposes – and in 3 ways; (1); **Inhaling** them into the lungs via **the smoke of incense** *burned* in a bowl or pipe; (2) **Absorption** into the skin as *anointing oil*; And (3) **Ingestion** into the stomach as *food* or *medicine*. The fastest, strongest pathway into the body is listed by their order above; 1, 2 and 3.

There is need to respect the sacred nature of the hemp-cannabis plant.⁵ God created it for good purposes. Too many use this herb irresponsibly to “check out” or “get high”, when in reality, it appears to have been created to ascend into and connect with heaven, to open the third eye, etc. Native Americans often show great respect for the process of taking this and other psychoactive substances (like mushrooms, peyote, ayuhasca etc.) into their bodies. They do this by aligning their wills with God’s will, by fasting and prayer, and by right intention. In other words, they prepare spiritually for its use by consulting God. Without this, the results may be questionable.

Scripture #2. *Solomon’s love story in the Song of Solomon 4:8-14 may be tied to Christ and His Bride (the church of believers)* See specifically verse 14 / In this KJV translation we read a love story where the Bride is compared to many things, including pleasant things in a beautiful garden, like plants providing the bride with **aromatic spices**. Solomon’s

symbolic words teach us that we are to have an intimate, loving relationship with “God” (meaning Father, Mother, and our Savior Yeshua). Each of us are to become the “bride” of Christ, our Bridegroom. In verse 14, Solomon described a beautiful bride with her fragrant, aromatic spices. They included “**kaneh**” or “**kaneh-bosm**”. He lists them in verse 19, as “Spikenard and saffron; **calamus** and cinnamon; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices”.

Scripture #3. *Gods word to us through Isaiah about appropriate sacrifice* / See Isaiah 43:23-24, specifically verse 24. It reads, “Thou hast **not** brought me [God] the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; **neither** hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with **incense**. Thou hast bought me **no sweet cane** [should be **kaneh-bosm**] with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy **sacrifices**: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities” (see Isaiah 6:4-7). In this scripture, God reveals His unhappiness with the people’s sacrifices, as their hearts were far from Him.

Scripture #4. *Jeremiah addresses idolatry potentially tied to Solomon & the Queen of Sheba* / Jeremiah 6:20 states, “To what purpose cometh there to me **incense** from Sheba, and the **sweet cane** [should be **kaneh-bosm**] from a far country? your burnt offerings are **not** acceptable, **nor** your sacrifices sweet unto me. Once again, it isn’t the sacrifice of incense that was rejected by God, but the attitude of those offering it up to Him.

Scripture #5. *Ezekiel here laments the fall of Tyre and its commerce - Solomon once traded with Tyre for temple materials* / See Ezekiel 27:19 / Note the two different translations of verse 19. The RSV translation of the Bible states, “and wine^{al} from Uzal they exchanged for your wares; wrought iron, cassia, and **calamus** were bartered for your merchandise.” The KJV is quite different, “Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in they fairs: Bright iron, cassia, and **calamus** were in they market.” In both translations, the Hebrew word “**kaneh**” or “**kaneh-bosm**” was mistranslated to the English word “**calamus**” in verse 19.

A. Solomon, Wisdom & Heavenly Mother

Note that three of the five scriptures addressing the Hebrew word “**kaneh-bosm**” above, feature some connection to King Solomon. There is good reason for this. Solomon has unique connections to “**Wisdom**” in his many writings. They include the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon in the Bible, and the apocryphal book entitled, The Wisdom of Solomon. Solomon was most likely seeking “**Wisdom - in the Spirit**” to enhance his leadership as king. He may have wanted **Mother’s** influence along with Father. In 1st Kings 4:32 we learn that Solomon wrote 1,005 songs and 3,000 proverbs. Proverbs features significant truths about Mother as “**Wisdom**”. To have greater **wisdom** via **the Spirit** is often the whole purpose of prayer, as well as inspired scripture like D&C 89, the “**Word of Wisdom**” which is tied to the *wise* use of God-given foods and drinks to help us be *healthy*.

“**Wisdom**” in Greek is “**Sofia**” or “**Sophia**”, both **feminine** names (see Strong’s #4678). **Wisdom** in Solomon’s writings is associated with **the Tree of Life** and its fragrant **oil**, along with the **Spirit** or **light**, including **the Shekinah**, a Hebrew word tied to the *female* aspect of “**God**” (as in **Mother**, wife of Father). All of these are symbolized by anointing **oil**. Israel’s neighbor Egypt also had a female god tied to “**wisdom**”. She was the Egyptian goddess Seshat. Pharaoh Tuthmosis III described her as “she of the **seven points**”, in reference to the 7-leafed cannabis sativa plant (right). In 1st Kings, chapter 3 God asked King Solomon what he desired most as Israel’s new king. He asked for **Wisdom** (understanding & judgment) to lead his people. Though Solomon is said to have had 700 wives and 300 concubines, this is most likely a gross exaggeration. Besides political alliances, he may have surrounded himself with many wise **women** to acquire **Mother’s wisdom**, along with Her charity, joy, and mercy”, all to balance out the male qualities of “knowledge, power, judgment, and justice”, held by the good men in his life. Note the following scriptures supporting “**Wisdom**” as Mother.



Wisdom of Solomon 9:4-10 states, “Give me **wisdom, that sitteth by thy throne**, and cast me not off from among thy children: For I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid, a weak man, and of short time, and falling short of the understanding of judgment and laws. For if one be perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wisdom be not with him, he shall be nothing regarded. Thou hast chosen me to be king of thy people, and a judge of thy sons and daughters. And hast commanded me to build a temple on thy holy mount, and an altar in the city of thy dwelling place, a resemblance of thy holy tabernacle, which thou hast prepared from the beginning: And thy **wisdom** with thee, which knoweth thy works, **which then also was present when thou madst the world**, and

knew what was agreeable to thy eyes, and what was right in thy commandments. **Send her out of thy holy heaven, and from the throne of thy majesty, that she may be with me,** and may labour with me, that I may know what is acceptable with thee.”

Proverbs 9:1–6 says that it is **Wisdom** herself who makes her disciples **wise** (via the **Spirit**), not the law.

In Luke 7:30-35, Yeshua said to the Pharisees, “But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept. For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! But **wisdom** is justified of all **her children**.”

“**Wisdom** crieth without; **she** uttereth her voice in the streets: **She** crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city **she** uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, **I will pour out my spirit unto you,** I will make known my words unto you. **Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel,** and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. **Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:** For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: **They would none of my counsel:** they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. **But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil**” (Proverbs 1:20-33).

“Happy is the man that findeth **wisdom**, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. **She** is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto **her**. Length of days is in **her** right hand; and in **her** left hand riches and honour. **Her** ways are ways of pleasantness, and all **her** paths are peace. **She is a tree of life** to them that lay hold upon **her**: and happy is every one that retaineth **her**. The LORD by **wisdom** hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens” (Proverbs 3:13-19).

“Forsake **her** not, and **she** shall preserve thee: love **her**, and **she** shall keep thee. **Wisdom** is the principal thing; therefore get **wisdom**: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt **her**, and **she** shall promote thee: **she** shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace **her**. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall **she** deliver to thee” (Proverbs 4:6-9).

“Doth not **wisdom** cry? and understanding put forth **her** voice? **She** standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. **She** crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, **I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.** O ye simple, understand **wisdom**: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for **I will speak of excellent things;** and the opening of my lips shall be **right things. For my mouth shall speak truth;** and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. **All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;** there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For **wisdom** is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. **I wisdom dwell with prudence,** and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound **wisdom**: I am understanding; I have strength. **By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.** Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **I was set up from everlasting, from**

the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, **I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water**. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **When he prepared the heavens, I was there**: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: **Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men**. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **Blessed is the man that heareth me**, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death” (Prov. 8:1-35).

“**Wisdom** hath builded **her** house, **she** hath hewn out **her seven pillars**: **She** hath killed **her** beasts; **she** hath mingled **her** wine; **she** hath also furnished **her** table. **She** hath sent forth **her** maidens: **she** crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, **she** saith to him, Come, eat of my **bread**, and drink of the **wine** which I have mingled . . . The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased” (Proverbs 9:1-5, 10-11).

The Aramaic Targum (or translation) of Isaiah 7:10-16 states, “Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign from **the Mother of the LORD** thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore **the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son**, and shall call his name **Immanuel**. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both **her kings**” (Aramaic Targum [translation] of Isaiah 7:10-16)

Scriptures Tying Mother to *the Spirit, the Shekinah Glory* or **Light** – *All Symbolized by Oil*

King Solomon sought out **Mother** as **Wisdom** - *in the Spirit*. Scripture tells us that Solomon became the wisest of men as a result (see 1 Kings 4:30). He was washed and then *anointed* as King over Israel at the Gihon Spring in Jerusalem. The House of the LORD he built there was just above this source of *living waters*. The **golden oil** of the *olive tree*, along with the **oils** of other plants like hemp, has symbolic ties to **the Spirit** and to the **light and glory of the Shekinah** - the *female* aspect of “God” (or the Elohim – **Mother**). The special *holy anointing oil* of Exodus 30 used by Moses, Aaron, and the priests at the Tabernacle (and those later at Solomon’s Temple) may thus point to **Mother**, and the pure *revelation* from Her (along with Father and the Son). She is associated with **the Tree of Life**, where the *holy oil* originates. Note the four **oil** types below. All reflect more *feminine* attributes in their name.

- The “**Oil of Mercy**” / Psalm 23:5-6 – Jesus was crucified on a “**tree**” - made from a wooden crossbeam
He carried to the crucifixion site, attached to the trunk of an olive or almond **tree**.
- The “**Oil of Joy**” / Psalm 45:7; Isaiah 61:3; Acts 13:52 – Joy comes from **the Spirit**.
- The “**Oil of Gladness**” / Hebrews 1:9
- The “**Dew of Heaven**” / Gen. 27:28

Throughout scripture, “**oil**” is a symbol for **the Spirit** and for the pure **revelation** from God coming through it (see Isa. 61:1-3, Mark 6:13, 1 John 2:20 & 27, 8:12, James 5:14, Rev. 22:2; Mosiah 2:36). With this **Spirit of revelation**, one does not need any man to teach them! So says John in 1 John 2:27. To be led daily by **the Spirit** is “**Wisdom**”. It is “**the word of Wisdom** and is the essence of **the New Covenant** taught by Jesus during His ministry. It was and is “**the way**” – which replaced dependence upon *the law* and men. This “higher way”, was taught the people by Jesus in the meridian of time, and by Paul and others in the New Testament. It was a return to the Old Religion of the Patriarchs and Prophets, who relied on **revelation** from God through the **Spirit of revelation** to guide them daily. It became **living waters** for those fortunate to receive it.

Old Testament scholar Margaret Barker tells us that the **Tree of Life** sat next to the Throne inside the Holy of Holies of Solomon's Temple. It was a symbol of **Mother** and the holy anointing oil that came from Her. Perfumed **Oil**, and **wisdom in the Spirit of revelation** are associated with **Mother** and the **Tree of Life**. **She**, the **oil**, and Her Son - Jesus as Messiah (the "Anointed One") were not found at the second temple - Herod's Temple. According to Enoch the Prophet, a New Religion arose at the time of king Josiah (7th century B.C.). **Wisdom** was abandoned and removed during a supposed purge of idolatry at this time. The priests then lost their *spiritual vision*. Barker states, "If this was the effect of losing the **oil**, then the **oil** must have given to the anointed ones **Wisdom** and **spiritual sightedness**."⁶ John, an ordained an Apostle by the LORD Jesus, confirmed that the **anointing oil** was tied to **receiving special wisdom**. He wrote, "You have been anointed by the holy one [Jesus] and **you know all things**... His anointing [where one is given **the Spirit**] teaches you about everything" (1 John 2:20, 27).

Wisdom – the **Queen of Heaven** - brings useful gifts to those who acknowledge Her. So says a poem in Solomon's book of Proverbs. He states that **Mother's** gifts are much better than gold or silver, and more precious than anything a person might possess. **Wisdom** provides a good life, with honor, pleasantness, peace and happiness (see Proverbs 3:13-18). Foolish people, however, reject **Wisdom**. If this occurs, the precious oil of the Spirit is hidden away from them. This is what happened to the Jewish priests and teachers in Jesus' day. They lost their ability to "see" and became focused on the law, not on "**life**" or the "**living waters**" of **the Spirit**. The perfumed **oil** from the **tree of life** was a symbol of "**Wisdom in the Spirit**". She and the "Old Religion" of the Patriarchs were rejected and removed from Solomon's Temple during king Josiah's purge. As we will see hereafter, it was part of a New Religion that was centered on men and the law they enforced, a religion the LORD Jesus confronted in His mission.

Solomon's Book of Proverbs also describes how **Wisdom** called out to the people as they rejected her. "I have called to you and you have refused to listen... you have ignored all my counsel" (Proverbs 1:24, 25). **Wisdom** longed to pour out the **Spirit** on the people, but they did not want it (Proverbs 1:23). They rejected **the spiritual gifts** that symbolically came with the anointing **oil**, along with life, peace, and happiness. The people then lost their **divine light**, the living waters of **the Spirit**. Both are found together in Revelation 22, verses 1 to 2.

According to Barker, "the early Christians believed that the Son of God was anointed with **oil** from the **Tree of Life**, and that is why he was called the **Messiah** or "**the Anointed One**". He anoints everyone who comes into his Kingdom (when they are *born again* in Him, see 3 Ne. 12:1-2), so that their **light might shine**, as they are filled with **the Holy Spirit**. This is the **oil** for the **light** of the 7-branched **lamp** in the temple, the symbol of **the Tree of Life** (2 Enoch 8). It was a **tree of fire**. Enoch described it as beautiful, perfumed, with gold and red like fire.

The **Tree of Life** was *the* symbol of **Wisdom**, and the heavenly **oil** or **Spirit of Revelation** flowing from **Her**. In Psalm 36:9 we read, "With thee is the fountain of **life**, and in thy **light** we shall see **light**." Moses anointed Aaron the high priest so that he too might be joined to **the source of life** and **light**. The high priests had the daily duty to tend **the lamp** in the Tabernacle or Temple, making sure it was always burning (Exodus 27:20-21). The priests were **anointed ones** and were thus themselves **lights** to their people. In the Dead Sea Scrolls we see praises of God who appeared as a perfect **light** among His people. Jesus told them, "I am the **light** of the world" (John 8:12). He later told His disciples, "You are the **light** of the world" (Matt. 5:14). The **oil** of the anointed ones gave them **light**. They became **lights** to the world. This occurs for all who are *born again* in Christ Jesus. It is then that we too receive an "**anointing of the Spirit**" to guide us via **the Gift** and **Power** of the **Holy Spirit** or the **Holy Ghost**. Following their belief and faith in Him in 3 Nephi 12, Jesus taught that after repentance, and baptism in water, there would be another baptism. He said, "**I will baptize you with fire and the Holy Ghost**" (3 Ne. 12:1-2).

With this baptism, we can then abide in Christ as the True Vine (a branch of the **Tree of Life**) as John says in John 15:1-7. We can be **one** with Him as long as we seek and do His **will in the Spirit** (D&C 46:28-30; John 15:7). In time, this pure revelation may include communication from Father (who is tied to Truth, Knowledge, Power, Judgment, Justice), and Mother (who is associated with the Spirit, Wisdom, the Tree of Life, *and* Living Waters). All three are "God". All three are characterized by their great love in **Charity**.

Scriptures Tying Mother to the Spirit

Mother is associated with many name-titles and symbols.⁷ The **Spirit**, however, is one that is closely tied to her. In scripture the Spirit is defined in scripture as "**breath, wind** or **spirit**". The Hebrew word "*ruach*" is a **feminine** noun

and means “**breath, wind or spirit**” (see Strong’s #7307). Some believe **Mother** is closely tied to **the Holy Spirit**. The greatest **wisdom** is found when we are seeking God - by praying “**in the Spirit**” - with Her, Father, or the LORD Jesus. Our prayers are answered instantly when we are *one* with God in *their will* or **Spirit** (see D&C 46:30). Note the scriptures hereafter, potentially tied to **Mother as the Spirit**.

Wisdom of Solomon 7:25, 27-28, states, “For **she [Wisdom]** is the **breath** of the **power** of God, and a **pure influence flowing** from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her. For she is the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of **the power of God**, and the image of his goodness . . . And being but one, she can do all things: and remaining in herself, she maketh all things new: and in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets. For God loveth none but him that dwelleth with **wisdom**.”

Proverbs 8 ties **Wisdom** to the (feminine) **Holy Spirit**. In verses 22-30 we see her in connection with the **creation** as well. See also Proverbs 3:19.

Luke 2:40 states, “And the child [Jesus] grew, and waxed strong in **spirit**, filled with **wisdom**: and the grace of God was upon him.”

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 states, “But the manifestation of **the Spirit** is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given **by the Spirit** the word of **wisdom**; to another the word of knowledge **by the same Spirit**; To another faith **by the same Spirit**; to another the gifts of healing **by the same Spirit** . . .”

The **Menorah** as a kind of “**tree**” was a symbol of **Mother** as the **light** or **Spirit** that will “rest” upon Her coming Son, the Messiah Jesus of Nazareth. Nephi said **Mother** as the “**Tree of Life**” has “*beauty*” and “*whiteness*” and is a “*virgin*” from “*Nazareth*”. She is “the **Mother** of the Son of God” (v. 18). According to Barker, the earliest version of this “**Tree**” was the **Asherah Tree** or **Pillar** inside Solomon’s Temple. Barker believes it once sat in the Holy of Holies next to God the Father’s throne, and was later changed to a **Menorah** when it was moved to the Holy Place of Herod’s Temple. The Ark was the throne’s footstool, containing items of *Kingship* passed on to the firstborn Son.

Solomon, like other kings in Israel was a “son of God”. He established His Earthly *Kingdom* upon various symbols of kingship - as a foundation of his leadership. This was symbolized by various items inside the Ark. The king provided the Law and education to his people, for example, as symbolized in the *two Tables of Stone*. They contained the 10 Commandments. The king’s power (in the Priesthood) was symbolized by *Aaron’s Rod*. And the king’s loving care for His people, was symbolized by *the Pot of Manna*, food supplied miraculously by God in the desert. In the Book of Mormon, kingship was symbolized by the Sword of Laban, showing how the king protected his people.

Isaiah prophesied of the coming Son Jesus through the *royal bloodline* of His Father (Matthew 1, genealogy of Joseph) and **Mother** (Luke 6, genealogy of Mary) He then described the male and female qualities passed on to the Son Jesus



by His heavenly parents. These “qualities” like wisdom (female) *versus* knowledge (male), are part of the symbolism of **the Menorah** today, a **Tree of Life**. Three of the characteristics are *female* (the spirit of wisdom, of counsel, and of understanding) and three of them are *male* (the spirit of might, of knowledge, and of fear [or reverential awe]). Jesus as a Blessed Son was and is symbolized by the center post of the **Menorah**, and by His many gifts of the **Spirit** generally. Addressing these light-filled gifts and His royal bloodline, Isaiah stated:

“And there shall come forth *a rod* [a branch of the **Tree** having priesthood power] out of the *stem* of Jesse [the royal bloodline of David], and *a Branch* [Jesus] shall grow out of his roots:

And [1] **the spirit** of the LORD [OR GOD THE FATHER & MOTHER] shall *rest* upon **him** [the Son], [2] **the spirit of wisdom** and [3] *understanding*, [4] **the spirit of counsel** and [5] *might*, [6] **the spirit of knowledge** and [7] of the *fear* [or “reverential awe”] of the LORD” (Isa. 11:1-2 & 1 Ne. 11).

In these verses, Isaiah lists 7 effects of **the holy oil** upon the LORD Jesus *and* upon us when we are *born again* in Christ Jesus. Those “born again” receive **the Spirit** of God to guide them. The number 7 in scripture is often tied to the concept of a “fullness” or to “spiritual perfection”. Isaiah’s description of “7 Spirits” in verse 2 fits well with **the Menorah** or **Tree of Life** found inside both **the Tabernacle of Moses** and **the House** Solomon built in Jerusalem. This “tree” has 7 parts, with 3 branches on the *left* tied to Mother (female qualities, #'s 2, 3 & 4), and 3 branches on the *right* tied to Father (male qualities, #'s 5, 6 & 7); All 6 characteristics define the Spiritual gifts of the LORD Jesus. He was Immanuel or “God with us”. The first “Spirit” is (#1) *The Spirit of God*, represented by the center shaft of **the Menorah**; (#2) *The Spirit of Wisdom*; (#3) *The Spirit of Understanding* (#4) *The Spirit of Counsel*; (#5) *The Spirit of Might* [or **Power**]; (#6) *The Spirit of Knowledge*; And (#7) *The Fear of God*. In the Aramaic Targum of Isaiah, the word “**Perfume**” is tied to this “**Fear**”, better rendered “**Reverential Awe**”.

Mother inside the House of the LORD *built by Solomon*

Scholars tell us that a special **Mother** figure was once worshipped and symbolized inside Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem. Special **incense** and other offerings were presented to Her throughout ancient Israel. The smoky **incense** inside Solomon’s Temple may have contained **kaneh-bosm**, with its unique ties to health and wellbeing (see altar photograph and story on page 8). The CBD and THC oils in it originate in the buds or flowers of the *female* hemp plant. It is one of only 7% of all flowering plants that have separate *male* and *female* plants. Flowers are the sexual organs of the *female* plant, whereas pollen sacs are the *male* equivalent. As the flower opens to receive sunlight and pollen, Mother, Father, and the Son want us to be open to receive their wisdom, light, and love.

Throughout the world, flowers are symbolically tied to the love between men and women. They represent the great beauty found in nature and the beauty of real love, including the charity exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ. He died on the cross and was the great healer among His people. Impressive rose-shaped stained-glass windows are found in many Gothic cathedrals in Europe (note that Christ is at the center of the red petals far left). They represent the great love of our LORD’s Atonement. In it, His precious red blood was shed for all of us.

Men show love for the women in their lives with flowers, given them on birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions, including Mother’s day. Like our Savior’s red blood, men’s love for their wives and others is represented by the red petals of the beautiful and fragrant rose.

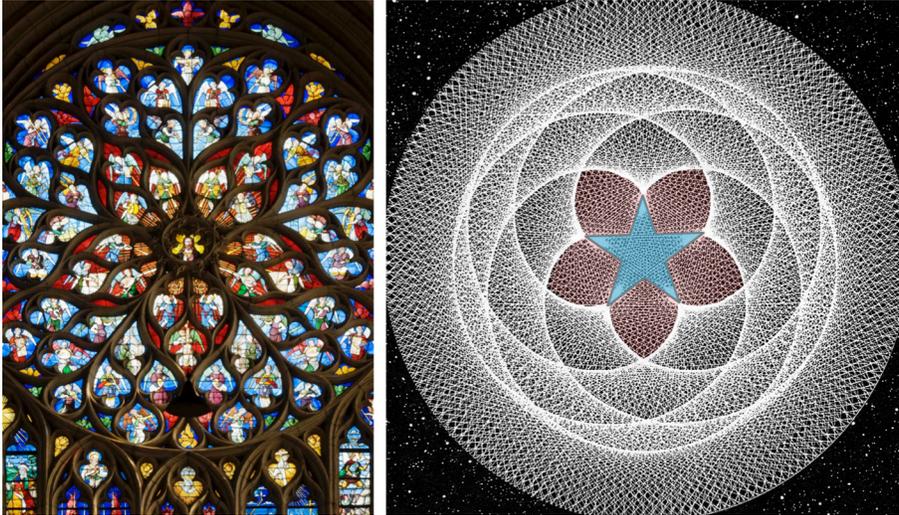
The Queen of Heaven as an Asherah Tree or Pillar

Wisdom is not only a “**she**” in all “wisdom literature” but She is also associated with a **tree** that provides **life**. The apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus, also known as Wisdom of Ben Sira, uses various **trees** to symbolize **Wisdom** or **Mother** (24:12–19). Bible and Middle-East scholar Daniel C. Petersen stated, “Although 1 Kings 3:3 says that he [Solomon] ‘loved the Lord, King Solomon brought **Asherah** [or Mother] into Jerusalem and **into the temple** sometime after 1000 B.C.” He added that, a “large-scale center of **Asherah** worship may have functioned at Ta’anach, under at least the indirect patronage of the court of Solomon.” According to Petersen, this symbol of **Mother** remained in Solomon’s “House” of God for two thirds of its 1000-year existence.⁸

According to Barker, **Mother** may have been symbolized in Solomon’s Temple via two different sets of symbols; (1) In a **Tree of Life** symbol that set next to the King’s throne (of Father) in the Holy of Holies; And (2) In ten tree-like **Asherah pillars** or lampstands, five of which were located on each side of the Holy Place, leading to the Altar of Incense, the Veil of the Temple, and then the Holy of Holies (see 2 Chron. 4:7; 1 Kings 7:49). The ten pillars were *lampstands* providing **light** in the Holy Place. Atop each one was a bowl containing olive **oil**, along with **7 wicks**. Some believe these **7 lights** represented the **7 spirits** or **qualities** of the Father, Mother, and our Savior as addressed in Isaiah 11:2.

These 7 pillars were apparently replaced by a single **Menorah** with **7 branches** later on at Herod’s Temple. We are not yet privy to the actual form of **the Tree of Life** symbol in the Holy of Holies next to the Throne of the Father,

as extensive editing of scripture has removed her from scripture. John saw the throne of God *and* the **Tree of Life** together in his vision of the Heavenly City of God. The beautiful *leaves* of the tree **heal** the nations. Jesus promised his faithful followers that they would return to the Tree of Life. John tells us, “To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (see Rev. 2:7). “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gate into the city” (see Rev. 22:14).



El Shaddai is another name for the female companion of Father. The word '**shad**' means “woman's breast,” and “**shaddai**” means “breasts,” or “many breasts.” Though **El Shaddai** is translated as “God Almighty,” or “the Almighty” in the English Bible, it literally means “**God with breasts**” or “[many] breasted [God].” Note the declaration about Her in Exodus 6:3, stating, “I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob by the name of **El**

Shaddai, but by my name Yahweh I was not known to them.” The Patriarchs were aware of the Father [Yahweh], but the female half of the Elohim related to them primarily as the Israelite Goddess, **El Shaddai**.

The surrounding cultures around Israel worshipped a pagan version of **Heavenly Mother**, a nature-based female fertility symbol with multiple breasts. King Solomon’s symbol of **Mother** or **Wisdom** was different. It featured a stylized pillar only to represent a “**tree trunk**”, the lower portion of it being her combined legs into one **tree-like** pillar. Contrast this was the Cannanite figurines tied to **Asherah** worship. Some of them featured an upper body of multiple breasts with a simplified lower body, sometimes having both legs and other times having a single pillar like form. In the House of the LORD built by Solomon, the ten pillars in the Holy Place featured the more simplified, lower-body only pillars. There was no upper human body with breasts, only a simplified pillar that supported a bowl of **oil** containing **7 wicks, lamps, lights, or spirits** (see Isaiah 11:2). This appears to have symbolized **Mother’s** great **light** and **wisdom**, available in pure **revelation** via the **Spirit**.

Thousands of effigies to **Mother, Wisdom, or El Shaddai** have been found in and around Jerusalem (right). Kathleen Kenyon found a **7th-century B.C.** ‘cult-cache’ with more than 350 of them in a cave hidden away in Jerusalem, some 100 yards from the Temple Mount. This is the time when **Mother** and various other parts of the Old Religion of the Patriarchs were being removed from Israelite culture. It should be kept in mind that this date also makes the figurines at least near contemporaries of Lehi of the Book of Mormon. He and his son Nephi spoke of **the Tree of Life** as the Mother of Jesus in 1 Nephi chapter 11.



Removing Mother & Her Son from the Temple & Scripture

Old Testament scholar Margaret Barker documents tell how Mother as **Wisdom** - symbolized by **the Tree of Life**, was “purged” from the House Solomon built *and* from texts that became our Old Testament. She states, “King Josiah changed the religion of Israel in 623 BC. According to the Old Testament account in 2 Kings 23, he removed all manner of idolatrous items from the temple and purified his kingdom of Canaanite practices. Temple vessels made for Baal, **Asherah**, and the host of heaven were removed, idolatrous priests were deposed, the **Asherah** itself was taken from the temple and burned, and much more besides. An old **law** book had been discovered in the temple, and this had prompted the king to bring the [new] religion of his kingdom into line with the requirements of that [new] book (2 Kings 22:8–13; 2 Chron. 34:14–20). There could be only one temple, it stated, and so all other

places of sacrificial worship had to be destroyed (Deut. 12:1–5). The **law** book is easily recognizable as Deuteronomy, and so King Josiah's purge is usually known as the Deuteronomic reform of the temple."

In 598 BC, 25 years after Josiah's purge, the capital city Jerusalem was attacked by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings 24:10–16; 25:1–9). They returned 11 years later to destroy the city and the temple (586 BC). Refugees from this second attack fled south to Egypt. In the book of Jeremiah we read how the refugees there would not accept the prophet's interpretation of the disaster that followed (see Jer. 44:16–19). According to Barker, "Jeremiah insisted that Jerusalem had fallen *because* of the sins of her people, but the refugees said it had fallen because of Josiah." The refugees claimed their ancestors in Judah and Jerusalem had **worshipped differently** and that they had prospered because of it, and that when new leaders **changed** the manner of their worship, **disaster** then followed. **Mother** wanted to bless her people. The new leaders wanted to lift themselves up. They became part of the real idolatry addressed in Ezekiel 9 at the temple.

The law of Moses, as interpreted by later priests and scribes, then became a dominant focus of the "New Religion", replacing **the Spirit** of revelation guiding the ancient Patriarchs, Prophets, and Kings of the Old Testament. They were men like Adam or Abraham and women like Eve or Sarah. The editing of the Deuteronomic reformers further reduced the role of women in the Old Testament. Their work removed clear connections in the prophecies of a coming Messiah - to Jesus of Nazareth, the fulfillment of these prophecies. The virgin Mother and Her Son Jesus were thus removed from scripture by editors rejecting them both.

According to Barker, "They had worshipped **the Queen of Heaven** by offering **incense**, libations, and special loaves to represent her. Now the Queen of Heaven is not mentioned in the account of Josiah's purge, but the major item removed from the temple was the **Asherah**, which was dragged out and burned." The later, *edited* Jewish texts describe the **Asherah** as a stylized **tree** in Deuteronomy that was now part of "forbidden worship". The new text states that any such **tree** or **pillar placed beside an altar for the Lord** was tied to idolatrous worship (see Deut. 16:21). "It was these spiritual heirs of Josiah who returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple, and their influence can be found in many of the texts we now read as the Old Testament." These edited texts don't tell the whole story!

The refugees who escaped to Egypt were not the only ones who believed Josiah's purge was a disaster. A number of *extrabiblical texts* that have survived the editing allow us to piece together what Josiah destroyed. Many of these ancient texts imply that **Josiah's 7th century B.C. purge was a disaster**.

Barker sites one ancient text as an example, found in an old Cairo synagogue in 1897. It describes a group of believers in the land of Damascus. Fragments of this text were later found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. According to Barker, it shows that "the text had been known in the time of Jesus. This *Damascus Document*, as it is called, describes **the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem as punishment for the unfaithfulness of the people**—Jeremiah would have agreed with that, but it also says that the whole Second Temple era that followed was the age of wrath. Far from restoring the true religion of Jerusalem, the people who returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple (Herod's Temple) were led by **false teachers** who had not been chosen by God. Israel had gone astray in the hidden things; **they had lost the truth**. They did not observe the *true calendar* of the *correct forms of worship*, and they had *corrupt priests*. The Damascus Covenant group believed that they were the guardians of the true priestly traditions and that their reward would be to return to the glory of Adam and to be resurrected. They had kept a record of their genealogies and of what they had done."

Barker adds that, "the book of Enoch known as *1 Enoch* 8 gives a similar account. Preserved within the fifth section of this text is an ancient and cryptic account of the history of Israel. Each period is described as a "week" and so the text is known as the *Apocalypse of Weeks*. In the sixth week, all those who lived in the temple forsook **wisdom** and **lost their vision**, and then **the temple was burned**. Those who returned in the seventh week to rebuild the temple were an apostate generation whose deeds were evil. Elsewhere Enoch records that those who built this second temple [of Herod] made impure and polluted offerings. The people who preserved the Enoch texts looked forward to the Lord destroying that impure temple and building a new and greater temple in its place. They also claimed that the words of scripture had been **altered** by godless people." The lesson to be learned here is to not forsake "God" and in the temple of our body, but instead to invite in the glorious presence of Mother, Father and the Son.

“On one of his heavenly journeys, Enoch saw the **fragrant tree of life** that would one day be planted again in the temple and its fruit given to the righteous. He also saw dismembered branches from **the tree**, flourishing in a blessed place. In another vision, Enoch saw the **fragrant tree** as a fiery form, the place where the Lord came when he was in paradise. Yet another text describes the **fragrant tree** as shining like the sun, and with fruits like clusters of white grapes. Now the book of Proverbs describes **wisdom** as **the tree of life** (Prov. 3:13, 18) and those who are devoted to **her** as happy, a word play that sounds like the name **Asherah**. In this way, by piecing together fragments of tradition and folk memory, we can glimpse what Josiah must have removed from the temple. The **Asherah** must have been the stylized **tree of life**, the symbol of **wisdom**. When Moses was told to make the seven-branched **lamp** for the tabernacle, the **menorah**, he was told to make it like an almond **tree** (Ex. 25:31–39), and so it was probably the original **menorah** that Josiah removed and destroyed.”

The many changes of the reformers reflect a struggle for **power** - between the early kings and patriarchs of the old religion *and* the later priests and rabbi’s of the “New Religion”. It was also a battle between men *and* women. The result was worship of a single **male God**, rather than honoring **male and female Gods** in a fullness of priesthood. Satan wants men and woman at war with each other instead of united in God with power. Satan is the real enemy. It also resulted in **a disconnect** between the prophecies of a coming Messiah *and* the reality that the New Testament Jesus is this Messiah, the “Only Begotten Son” of Father and Mother. He is Jesus of Nazareth, who was rejected by the posterity of the reformers - when He came among them at the time of the Second Temple – Herod’s Temple.

The Old Testament portion of our edited KJV Bible reflects this New Religion (see the changes between the two temples in the chart on the next page).

The House of the LORD built by Solomon

The Old Religion of Patriarchs & Kings

The Shekinah (fiery pillar of light – God’s presence manifest)
 Tree of Life (in Holy of Holies next to Throne) & Asherah pillars
 Chariot Throne pulled by the Cherubim
 Ark of the Covenant (footstool for throne, with items of Kingship)
 Holy Anointing Oil & Special Incense (Oil of Joy or Mercy)
 Two Tables of Stone – Ten Commandments (5 on each)
 Pot of Manna
 Aaron’s Rod (that blossomed)
 Brazen Serpent (symbol of Christ [healing] raised by Moses)

Older Teachings

Centrality of the Atonement of Christ
 Careful Holy Days practice, especially Tabernacles
 Direct access to God for all (personal relationship with God)
 Inspired, Spirit driven Leaders & Prophets
 Polytheism: Elohim, Jehovah, HG / Council of Gods in heaven
 Character of God: Merciful and Just (Moses 7:30)
 Importance of Gospel & Priesthood
 Temple Teachings – Wisdom to become like God
 Mother, Ascension, Visions & Hosts of Heaven & Angels
 Purer Scripture revealing the Old Religion of the Patriarchs
 Multiple Temples (varied places of worship)
 Temple Drama at Tabernacles (Enthronement of the King)

Herod’s Temple

The New Religion of Priests & Rabbis

No longer present (left the temple in Ezek. 11:23)
 Replaced with a Menorah (7 branched candlestick)
 Removed
 Replaced with the Stone of Foundation
 Removed
 Removed
 Removed
 Removed
 Removed & Destroyed

New Replacement Teachings

Atonement references removed
 Holy Days & law modified (see Edersheim) / No
 Enthronement of the king at Tabernacles
 Priests mediators between God & Man (replace Christ)
 Charismatic rabbis (intellectuals, academics)
 Monotheism / Gods merged into one
 God’s character changed to Harsh, Judgmental, Unkind
 References to Gospel removed, New role of Priesthood
 Replaced with obedience to Torah (Law)
 Mother purged, Enoch says Priests lost “vision”
 Scripture Edited / Plain & Precious things removed
 Enoch references removed - Moses 1:41
 Consolidation into One at Jerusalem/ Smaller temples
 thrown down & wealth transferred to capital city
 Christ as Living Waters replaced by Gratitude for Rains

Later in 1 Enoch 42:1-2, Enoch, according to Barker, informs us that, “**Wisdom** found no place where **she** might dwell; Then a dwelling-place was assigned **her** in the heavens. **Wisdom** went forth to make **her** dwelling among the children of men, And found no dwelling-place: **Wisdom** returned to her place, And took her seat among the angels.” This return to heaven is addressed in Ezekiel chapter 10 and 11 where we read that **the Shekinah, Glory** or the **Holy Spirit** once inside and above Solomon’s Temple, left it - a result of corruption and idolatry among the leaders of Israel at that point in time (see also the last section of this paper).

In the book of Proverbs, written by King Solomon during the period of the “older religion” it is **Wisdom herself** who makes her disciples **wise** (Prov. 9:1–6). **Mother** as **Wisdom** – was a “**Tree of Life**”. She was a central portion of the older faith. The book known as the Wisdom of Solomon extolled her as the guide and protector of their ancestors (Wisdom 10–11). Contrast these beliefs with the book of Deuteronomy (focused on the law), which came forth in the “new religion”. It states that the Law was to be the **wisdom** of the chosen people, and that the Law would make them **wise** (Deut. 4:6). Concentration on the law (male) by later Jews rather than the Spirit (female) led to her rejection.

Mother was **not** part of idolatrous worship in the “Old Religion”. The concept of idolatry tied to her and King Solomon in the Bible (Jeremiah chapters 7 and 44), fits conveniently into the false narrative of later scribes and priests in the “New Religion”. They claimed that the **Asherah pillars** found inside the House of the LORD Solomon built, and around the Israelite countryside, were part of this idolatry. It should be noted that Josiah also destroyed the raised up brass serpent on a pole (“the Nehushtan” of Num. 21:4-9) used by Moses in the wilderness. It symbolized Christ the LORD, the Only Begotten Son of a divine Father *and* Mother who was raised up on the cross for our salvation. The Son Jesus - as the Promised Messiah, *and* His Mother once symbolized inside the House of the LORD - were both rejected by the later people of the Second Temple. It was destroyed and the Jewish people part of the new *false* religion were scattered. Fortunately, there are at least four books that put Mother *and/or* Jesus back into portions of the Old Testament. We have access to them today.⁹

Mother as the Tree of Life in the Book of Mormon

As we saw earlier in Proverbs 3:13 and 18, King Solomon described **Mother** or **Wisdom** and “**the Tree of Life**”. In chapter 11 of the Book of Mormon, Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus Christ, is clearly associated with the *beautiful tree* visions of Lehi and his son Nephi. **Mother** is represented also by the **Asherah pillars** of the ancient Canaanite religion and found throughout ancient Israel too at the time of Lehi’s departure from Jerusalem. According to Petersen, “**Asherah** was the chief goddess of the Canaanites. She was El’s wife and the mother and wet nurse of the other gods. At least some Israelites worshipped her over a period from the conquest of Canaan in the second millennium before Christ to the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC (the time of Lehi’s departure from Jerusalem with his family). **Asherah** was associated with **trees—sacred trees**. The rabbinic authors of the Jewish Mishna (second–third century ad) explain the **Asherah** as a **tree** that was worshipped.”

In 1 Nephi 11, Nephi was told by an angel that his vision was of “a **virgin** . . . the **mother** of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.” The **virgin** was and is **the Tree**. As an Israelite living at the end of the 7th century, Nephi recognized what the meaning of the “**sacred tree**” was, a meaning unique to the ancient Near East. She was “**Asherah**” to the Canaanites (wife of Baal), and **Wisdom** - the wife of God, **giving life** to God’s creation.

According to Petersen, “A 10th-century cultic stand from Ta’anach, near Megiddo, features **two** representations of **Asherah**, first in *human form* and then as a **sacred tree**. **She is the tree.**” The Israelite goddess figurines had “upper bodies are unmistakably anthropomorphic and female, but their lower bodies, in contrast to those of their pagan Canaanite counterparts, are simple *columns*. William Dever suggests that these columnar lower bodies represent *tree trunks*. And why not? Asherah “**is a tree goddess**, and as such is associated with the oak, the tamarisk, the date palm, the sycamore, and many other species. This . . . led to her identification with **sacred trees** or **the tree of life.**”

Petersen added, “an image or symbol of **Asherah** stood in Solomon’s temple at Jerusalem for nearly two-thirds of its existence, certainly extending into the lifetime of Lehi and perhaps even into the lifetime of his son Nephi. Her title Elat (“**goddess**”) persists to this day in the name of a major Israeli coastal resort and in the Israeli name for the Gulf of Aqaba. Lehi and his party very likely passed through or by Elat on their journey southward from Jerusalem.”

In later years the ruthless campaigns against Baal and other idolatry, “inspired by Elijah and Elisha and led by Israel’s Jehu - left the **Asherah** of Samaria standing.” Baal was completely eliminated, while the worship of **Mother** (and her **Asherah** symbols) outlived the northern kingdom. “Belief in **Asherah** seems, in fact, to have been a conservative position in ancient Israel” (the old religion of the Patriarchs). Petersen explains that “an image or symbol of **Asherah** [wife of the chief male god El of Canaan and Israel] stood in Solomon’s temple at Jerusalem for nearly two-thirds of its existence, certainly extending into the lifetime of Lehi and perhaps even into the lifetime of his son

Nephi. . . . By the time of Israel's Babylonian exile and subsequent restoration under Ezra, however, opposition to **Asherah** was universal in Judaism. Indeed, the developing Israelite conception of Yahweh seems, to a certain extent, to have absorbed her functions and epithets much as it had earlier absorbed those of Yahweh's father, El. Thus, **Asherah** was basically eliminated from the history of Israel and subsequent Judaism. In the text of the Bible as we now read it . . . reshaped as it appears to have been by the reforming Deuteronomist priests around 600 B.C., hints of the goddess remain, but little survives that gives us a detailed understanding of her character or nature."

Concluding, Petersen adds, "The **menorah**, the seven branched candelabrum that stood for centuries in the temple of Jerusalem, supplies an interesting parallel to all of this: Leon Yarden maintains that the **menorah** represents a stylized almond tree. Like Lehi and Nephi and the *whiteness* of the Tree of Life in their visions, Yarden points to the notably radiant whiteness of the almond tree at certain points in its life cycle. Yarden also argues that the archaic Greek name of the almond (*amygdale*, reflected in its contemporary botanical designation as *Amygdalis communis*), almost certainly not a native Greek word, is most likely derived from the Hebrew *em gedolah*, meaning "**Great Mother**." Ammon and the second Nephi in the Book of Mormon echo warnings tied to **not** honoring **Wisdom**.

"O how marvelous are the works of the Lord, and how long doth he suffer with his people; yea, and how blind and impenetrable are the understandings of the children of men; for **they will not seek wisdom**, neither do they desire that **she** should rule over them!" (Mosiah 8:20).

"how slow are they to remember the Lord their God, and to give ear unto his counsels, yea, how slow to walk in **wisdom's paths!**" (Helaman 12:5).

The inclusion of **the Tree of Life** visions in 1 Nephi 8 and 11 and of two authentic pre-exile religious symbols tied to **Mother** as an **Asherah tree** or as "**Wisdom**" reveals that Joseph Smith, as an uneducated New York farm-boy, was not the author of the Book of Mormon. He simply brought these inspired symbols forward in his unique translation of an ancient American record. It is another witness that the book he brought forth from the ground is an authentic ancient historical record, within the Semitic tradition.

Priesthood, Women & Mother

Priesthood is a representation of God's power, given to those whom God trusts. Priesthood is here to serve others in charity. It is not for usurpers of power who want to rest comfortably up in the chief seats. "God" or the Elohim is made up of both men *and* women. Too often throughout history, men take all power from the women. They are to be equals in oneness within the Holy Order, where the gifts of **the Spirit** can thrive.

In one unique book of scripture, where *the Law of Consecration* and other higher laws are lived among the people known as the Nemenhah, we read about the Holiest Order of the Priesthood in a more complete form. There among the Nemenhah (mostly Native Americans descended through Lehi, Manasseh, Joseph, and Jacob) we read that **women** have a special connection to **Heavenly Mother** in their "more complete priesthood".

The two more traditional orders of priesthood - the Aaronic and Melchizedek orders, are given to men to help them learn how to **serve others in love** and **charity**, something that comes more naturally to most **women**. **Mother's** "more complete priesthood" is tied to charity, the purest form of love, along with mercy, and joy, often in connection with singing, praising, and dancing. Men and women joined together in unity, make up the Holiest Order of the Priesthood, as addressed in portions of scripture (Alma 13; JST Gen. 14; And Ougou in the Mentinah Archives). Note the following discussion of the priesthood of women versus men in verses 139-50 of the book of Ougou in the Menitnah Archives.¹⁰ Quoting the LORD Jesus Christ, the Prophet Ougou stated:

139. "Behold, the priesthood is mine own authority to govern all things pertaining to my creation. And when you give unto any this priesthood, you shall take them and you shall lay hands on them and confer the privileges and blessing of the priesthood of God upon them in my name. Then you shall ordain them unto the office whereunto they shall labor.

140. And this gift shall be governed upon principles of righteousness and if there be no High Priest in the land, you shall not confer mine authority. For none shall obtain this honor except by prophecy and that under the direction of the seer. Let none gainsay my holy Church, for this is the root of great wickedness.

141. Behold, blessed are ye Nemenhah. For verily, ye have followed the prophets whom I have sent among you.

Wherefore, ye have organized yourselves, your councils and your bodies, and your assemblies after the order of my commandments. Now, receive ye my priesthood and I shall give you power in it to administer my gospel. And there are **two orders of the priesthood given unto men, one wherein ye are prepared and trained to rely upon the Holy Ghost to guide you and to govern you in your stewardships.**

142. Therefore, there shall be priests in the Churches for baptism and for the sacraments. For purification doth prepare the man to give of himself liberally and, without compulsion, and it is given unto the Sons of Levi. For, whenever I must needs prepare my people, I have raised up sons unto Levi and unto Aaron.

143. Even so did I when my people Israel traveled in the wilderness forty years. I could not give a promised land unto them until a generation that would follow my commands without murmuring had been born and prepared by my servants. Howbeit also, I gave the Law of Moses unto my children in this promised land to prepare them and to try them. Thus, there is one order of priesthood to **prepare** and another to **finish**.

144. Behold, unto some in this land I have conferred **another order of priesthood**, but they have been few. For whereas **the lesser priesthood I gave as a preparation, for through it the man learns to serve by the Spirit, the greater priesthood prepares the man of God to enter into my presence.** This is the priesthood of Adam and of Enoch, and of Melchizedek, and of the Son of God. The lesser being of the priest and his auxiliaries, and the greater being of the High Priest and his auxiliaries. The one being the **preparation** and the other being the **culmination**.

145. **Ye shall confer both orders upon men and I shall try him to see if he will be obedient.** Yea, let all men prepare themselves first through service to the body of Christ and let them **do their duty relying on the Spirit.** Yea, in **love and in charity** let him be prepared. **For none may see my face lest he be filled with the Holy Ghost.**

146. But if he fill his seat by compulsion, by extortion or by feigned love, behold, I shall see it and the Holy Ghost shall abandon him. Verily, ye shall give his bishopric unto another. But as often as men shall repent, ye shall forgive him and he shall begin again. For behold, I shall forgive him, then why not you.

147. But **ye shall govern my kingdom through the greater priesthood, for through it ye shall enter upon the Way.** Wherefore, **ye shall have counsel of those who have lived before you, worlds without end.** I shall reveal to my servants those upon whom ye shall confer the **order of Melchizedek, for I shall be their schoolmaster.** Wherefore, ye shall wait upon me in this thing. For this is **the Holy Order of the Priesthood after the Order of the Son of God,** and God shall not be mocked.

148. Therefore, it is conferred upon all men whom I shall call to govern in your councils, in your ministries, in your congregations and in your temples. For I am the Lord, and **it is my place to govern my people.** Wherefore, **I shall call men to administer in my place as seems me good.** And if one so called be found in sin, ye shall remove from him his bishopric and I shall give it unto another. But if he shall repent, he shall also begin again and shall **proceed again to prepare himself to see my face.** But if he repent not after he has obtained this order of priesthood and is found in sin, ye shall cast him out and have no concourse with him. Yea, ye shall leave him to me and I shall chasten him. For he shall be delivered up unto the buffetings of the evil one, even the adversary. And if he repent not after he be delivered up unto Satan for a season, behold, he has hardened his heart. Wherefore, he shall return unto his own and shall have no place in the mansions of my Father, worlds without end.

149. Now, behold ye Nemenhah, **the daughters of Adam are blessed from before the foundation of the world.** Behold, **my daughters, by the nature of your creation, ye do serve all people.** Yea, it is good that ye do organize yourselves in all your good and that ye do uphold this nation as ye presently do. But behold **the orders of the priesthood are for the sons of Adam, to be an instrument unto them that they may train their natures to be more like unto the daughters of Eve.** Yea, that by the sweat of their face, even by their strength, **they might learn to give of themselves for the sake of others.** For how shall they become like me if they do not that which I have done? **But, ye Daughters of Eve, ye do it already.** Wherefore, **covet not that which I have given unto men, but rejoice and know that ye may seek my face without other preparation than that which ye have received by your nature.** **For ye receive of the Mother even a more complete priesthood than the orders of the priesthood that I give unto men, in order that they may prove themselves thereby.**

150. But purify yourselves all ye Nemenhah. Yea, be ye man or woman, or little child, **purify yourselves.** **Receive the Holy Ghost and cleanse yourselves of unrighteousness.** Yea, **purge** from your minds and from your bodies the impure and the unclean. Behold, I say unto you, **The sacraments have for their purpose to purify you.** Therefore, meet ye often to take of **the sacrament of bread and wine** in remembrance of me. Meet often to **offer yourselves before me in the purification of the Ammonites,** for this is also approved of me. Yea, and **fast often and pray always.** Yea, **meet often together** to study and ponder the records wherein are found teachings

that are sound and true” (Ougou 139-150, Mentinah Archives).

True Worship with “Sacred Herbs”

The Apostle John spoke of “true worship”, stating, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit** and **in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth**” (John 4:23-24).

Most Christians worship a Father and a Son as “God”, but the “Elohim” is a plural noun for “God” with both a male **and** a female component, meaning there is a Heavenly Father *and* a **Heavenly Mother** to worship. Jesus is their “Only Begotten Son”. Thus, John’s definition of “true worship” of “God” – “**in Spirit**” may reference **Mother**, whereas “God” – “in Truth” may reference **Father**. Joseph Smith’s *Lectures on Faith* wisely informs us that true worship requires us to *first* know **what** or **who** we worship, and then we must know **how** to worship “them” - according to their **will**. This section of the paper pulls together “true worship” of Father, Mother, and Son with the holy anointing oil and incense utilized in the Tabernacle of Moses and Solomon’s Temple. Both of them aided Moses, Aaron, and the priests in connecting with “God” or the Son Jesus as our Savior and Mediator with Father and then Mother. We worship our Redeemer Jesus for Saving us via His own precious blood, then the great Father and Mother who sent Him to serve us in love.

Israelite worship involved a special, “holy anointing **oil**” along with “**incense**”. One of the ingredients for the anointing **oil** was “**kaneh-bosm**”, coming from a natural “**tree of life**” - the hemp plant - with its many *healing* qualities - *physical, mental, and emotional*. It also had the ability to heighten the *spiritual* experiences of those using it. According to the Apocalypse of Moses (a pre-Christian Jewish text), when Adam left Eden, the angels allowed him to take seeds to grow food, and also seeds to grow the **plants** needed to make **incense**, so that he could continue to **invoke the presence of God**. The natural herbs of the hemp plant can help us improve all of our relationships, including our connection with “God”.

Taking these natural **herbs** into the body via **anointing oil, incense smoke, or edible products** is a common practice in most religions and cultures around the world, past *or* present. Many enhance their *worship, prayer, and meditation* with this herb. For some it enhances *dreams and visions* (Joel 2:28-32), especially when combined with prayerful intention. The purpose of incense and its smoke is not only to invoke God’s presence but to *also* push away darkness, evil spirits, or disease. We read about this earlier in Numbers 16, where special herbs in the incense were used to stop a plague (see page 5). Many Native Americans use this smoke for “*smudging*”, a form of cleansing one’s environment in connection with worship or prayer. *Repentance* also aids personal *cleansing*, as does *sweating from every pore* in the Native American sweatlodge ceremony. It points to our Savior’s sacrifice for us in Gethsemane, where sweat and blood came from every pore for you and I (see Luke 22:44; Mosiah 3:7; D&C 19:18).

In the Mentinah Archives, Native American women, gathered in groups often used a **bowl of incense** to *breathe in* the smoke from various burning **sacred herbs** in a bowl. The men typically used a **pipe** instead to inhale the burning **herbs** as part of both personal *and* group ceremonies. In most cases a single **pipe** for smoking herbs was passed around the men in a circle. The effects of the **smoking herbs** were taken directly and quickly into the lungs and the bloodstream. The effects were more pronounced for the men in this way. This may have been needed, as many women have dreams and visions more naturally. And as addressed earlier in the Mentinah Archives, many women come here with a more “complete priesthood”. Some believe their more direct connection with heaven is tied to childbirth, giving them a kind of portal between worlds for “**life**”. Both sexes are gifted in different ways, but are equal in God’s eyes. Men typically have the gift of knowledge, whereas women often display wisdom *in the Spirit*.

It should be noted that the Nemenhah people lived the higher **law of consecration** and were greatly blessed with powerful yet humble, prophetic leaders. They had the gifts of **the Spirit** in abundance *and* experienced the LORD’s personal presence. The Nemenhah or Ammonite people diffused the herbs into **sacred smoke** so that they could be breathed in via a *pipe* or as **incense** - as part of their **worship** practices. These practices continue today among many Native Americans. Note the **7** situations below in which the Nemenhah men and women used their **sacred smoking herbs**. A *bowl* of burning **incense** was offered up to the Creator - *in gratitude* - using the **7 sacred directions**; 4 of them horizontal (N, S, E & W) and 3 of them vertical (*up* to the sky - Father and Son, to the *center* - Mother, and

down below – the Holy Ghost. The *purifying smoky herbs* covered the bodies of all involved. Singing, praying, and thanking then ensued with it.

1. *Sweat Lodge* / “The Ordinance of the Similitude of My Suffering” / Group circle / Pipe & Bowl, smoke from sacred herbs
2. *Council of Women* (choosing men to be on various councils) / Group circle / Bowl of sacred herbs, smoke as incense
3. *Council of the Pele – Priests* / Group circle / Peace Pipe with Smoke / Smoke from sacred herbs
4. *Family Councils* / Group circle / Smoke from bowl of sacred herbs as incense
5. *Dedicating Homes & Personal Worship Space* / Peace Pipe smoke or smoke from bowl of sacred herbs as incense
6. *Personal Worship* / Peace Pipe, Bowl & Smoke – Sacred Breathe ceremony / Mor-Honayah, smoke from sacred herbs
7. *Ordination to the Priesthood* / Note the words of Shi-Tugohah in how the priesthood was given by the “Peli” or those acting in God’s name (a man or a woman). “Then the Peli takes a bowl of **sacred herbs** and strikes fire to it so that the **incense** rises up and *covers all* those present. And he **raises the bowl** in all *the sacred directions*, as has hitherto been described. Then he places his hands upon the head of the **man** with his *left hand* and upon the head of the **woman** with his *right hand*. And, stating his own right and authority to do so, in a clear voice, he confers upon them the Priesthood of God, *the two to hold jointly* and **both** to officiate in it at the appropriate times and places. Then he utters whatever words of prophecy the Spirit reveals to him. When he has done with *prophecy*, he clearly states the name of the **man** and of the **woman** again, and all the council clap their hands three times together, and express their agreement” (1 Shi- Tugohah, chapter 10 Ordination, v. 4).

One Nemenhah ceremony with **smoking herbs** was especially beloved of the LORD. It is comparable today to the modern Native American “**sweatlodge**”. Men participated in it prior to their marriage to a special woman, or at other special times. Quoting the LORD Jesus, the prophet Ougou called this sacrificial ceremony of sweating, “*the ordinance of the similitude of my suffering*”. Mor-Honayah (Moroni) used his homemade peace **pipe** to approach Jesus as “the Peacemaker” or “the Prince of Peace” in a private **worship** ceremony. It is detailed below. He stated:

60. “And these are the articles which I place in the prayer bundle. Behold, I place the bowl of a **pipe** which I have made with my own hands, as also the stem of the **pipe**, within the kirlum. And the **bowl** of the **pipe** is made such that it contains a square, and this represents the straitness of the way which leads unto the Peacemaker. It is the sign of the square. And the **bowl** of the **pipe** is made of stone, even from among the first created, and it is carved of my own hand. And when I take it out, I do lay it upon its covering.

61. And the stem of my **pipe** is straight and strong, and it is made of a wood that is known by the healers of Mentinah to give a berry, the seed of which is useful in strengthening the heart. Yea, and this tree does bear thorns which are like, it is said, unto the crown which the Peacemaker bore upon His head in the day that He was taken by the world and subjected unto death. It is also said to represent the pointer of the Liahona which our fathers Lehi and Nephi took with them into the wilderness. Therefore, it is the sign of the compass, and it is this wood that I used to fashion the stem of my pipe.

62. And when I place the red cloth upon the kirlum, I do also place the stem of **the pipe** upon this cloth. This is to signify that I place my heart upon that road or that path which leads unto Him and that I do dedicate my life and my sacrifice unto Him, even as He did dedicate His life and His sacrifice unto me.

63. And I also have a multicolored shell that is the size of my hand which I use as my **bowl of incense**. And the use of this bowl is described in another place. The multicolored shell signifies my thanks for the multitude of blessings for which I do offer up my oblation and my sacrifice.

66. And when I take out **the bowl of incense**, I do place it upon its own kirlum upon the bundle.

67. And I do keep **sacred essences** within the bundle for use as **oblations**. And they are kept within their own kirlum and are placed thereon upon the bundle. And these **essences contain sacred and healing herbs** and also **the blood of healing of significant trees**. And these are used as **the smoke of incense** when I open the prayer bundle.

68. And also within the bundle I keep **a cord of green** with which I do gird myself, and a **shawl of many colors** with which I do cover myself, when I open the prayer bundle. And this is also in accordance with that which has been recorded in another place, even in Ougou’s Book of the High Place.

69. And I do open the prayer bundle in a sacred manner, even with **much song and mighty prayer**. And I take of **the precious essences** and I do **purify all the articles of the bundle, as also myself**, with a **sweet and purifying odor**. And this does signify how **sweet and purifying** is my walk and my talk with the Peacemaker, my Lord.

70. And when I have made a **song of thanksgiving** and a **purifying ordinance**, I take up **the bowl of the pipe** and I unite it with **the stem of the pipe**. And this signifies that I do unify my soul with the Peacemaker and that I do **aspire to be sealed up His**.

71. And I do **fill the bowl of the pipe** with **sacred herb** and I make a **ceremony of Sacred Breath**. And this is the manner of the ceremony:

72. Because I do desire that **the Great and Heavenly Father** might be with me, I do raise the pipe in offering to the heavens and I sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

73. And, because I do desire that **the Great and Heavenly Mother** might be with me, I do raise the pipe in offering and touch it to the bundle and I sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

74. And I do raise the pipe in offering toward the **West** and pray for all the good things of the earth and all wisdom in the application of them. And I do sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

75. And I do raise the pipe in offering toward the **North** and pray for the presence of Heavenly Beings in my life. And I do sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

76. And I do raise the pipe in offering toward the **East** and pray for the visitation of my kindred dead and for the Gifts of the Spirit. And I do sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

77. And I do raise the pipe in offering toward the **South** and I pray for the strength and the will to repent of my deeds. And I do sing for the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

78. And I do touch the bowl of the pipe to my own heart and describe a circle with the pipe in offering. This I do in order that I might remind myself of **the sacred covenant** I have made to my people, that we may be of **one heart and one mind and have all things in common**.

79. Then **I do smoke the sacred herb and blow the smoke in the four directions**.

80. And behold, it is in this **sacred breath** that I do cease to be harrowed up by the past, and I find peace enough to go upon **the Way**. For in thanksgiving only, am I able to be still and know God.

81. Now, this has also become a pattern with those who do not use **the Sacred Pipe**, but prefer to use **the Bowl of Incense** instead, as is described in the archives. And this is the preference of most women among the Nemenhah of Mentinah” (Mor-Honayah 9:60-63, 66-81, Mentinah Archives).

The Return of the Shekinah Glory

The vision of Ezekiel in chapters 8 – 11 provides a lesson of great importance for us today in connection with true worship, of Father, Mother, and the Son. In it we learn that “God” desires to dwell or live among His people, those who wisely love God and keep the commandments given. God told Moses, “Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” (Ex. 25:8). The presence of God was evident in **the pillar** of cloud illuminated by *the divine glory* (see Ex. 40:34-35). This glory was known by the term **Shekinah** in the early *Aramaic Targum* (or translation) of the first five books of Moses (the Torah). It means, “indwelling” of **the Holy Spirit**. In Jewish mysticism and the Kabbalah, **the Shekinah** is “**the divine feminine**” aspect of the “Elohim”, or our **Heavenly Mother**.

After Jewish leaders rejected Mother and the Messiah, and then further corrupted this “House” via idolatrous worship, the **Shekinah** left the structure (Ezek. 11:23), prior to its looting and destruction by the Babylonians. If “God” is to dwell among us as group of people, or in us as an individual, we must live the two great commandments, to love God and one another. The presence of idolatry in any form causes their glory to depart. In Ezekiel chapter 9 we read about the idolatry of leaders at the House of the LORD that Solomon built. There, God commissioned six angels to judge the people. One had an inkhorn at his side - to mark the foreheads of those to be preserved and protected with **the seal of the living God**. All others were to be destroyed. Judgment of the wicked then ensued. Later in chapter 11, verse 23 we read about God’s glory or **Shekinah** then leaving the polluted temple, to hover over the Mount of Olives in the east for a time, before ascending to heaven. The Mount of Olives is *both* the place of our LORD’s blood atonement (directly across from the Temple, which was positioned over the Gihon Spring), and His last-days, second coming return. It is perhaps, the holiest place on earth!

“And the **glory** of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon **the mountain** which is on the *east* side of the city” (Ezek. 11:23).

Ezekiel’s vision and really his whole book centers on the departure and eventual return of God's light-filled glory to Jerusalem. “God” – the Father, Mother, and Son - will only stay where they are wanted and honored. This is true of nations, churches, and every individual. As idolatry and wickedness increase all around us, we can receive and enjoy the presence of “God” by honoring them with our **love** - by keeping the two Great Commandments.

Our loving Heavenly Parents and their Only Begotten Son have given us a beautiful world to experience, and one particular plant of note addressed here. It was created to help heal us in many ways, and to *connect us with heaven* in responsible ways, and *with each other* more effectively. It can be a “**tree of life**” for us, if we also employ heartfelt prayer with its use. Charitable healing is the role of all good mothers. It was a central part of Her Son’s great mission while here too. Yeshua’s message was frequently centered on becoming one with Him and with “God” (Father and Mother). During our LORD’s mission He repeatedly taught us how this is to be accomplished. (1) He first cast out all darkness, (2) He then He healed the people, and finally (3) He taught them great truths. His charitable service as our Savior ended when He gave His life’s blood for you and I.

It is our prayer that you will seek and develop a personal **relationship** with Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Mediator. He is the gatekeeper to our glorious Father *and* Mother in heaven. We pray that you may be blessed to receive each of them, and their many gifts, resulting in great joy.¹¹

See the author’s related papers:

The 7 Benefits of Linen

The War of Worship between Two Opposing Bloodlines

End Notes

¹ See Sherrill Sellman, N.D., **Hemp Health Revolution: The A to Z Health Benefits of Hemp Extract**, IMOV, LLC. See also

² **The Rastafarians** originated in Jamaica with roots in Christianity and Ethiopian culture. They are vegetarians who use the hemp plant in teas and breads. They smoke the herb to become closer to God and to remove negative energy from themselves and their environment, and to increase life’s pleasures with a better sense of peace, wellbeing, and community. They believe the hemp or cannabis plant can heal people physically, mentally, and spiritually, and thus they see the plant as a “tree of life”.

³ “**Shedding**” is the modern work of evil and designing men who have given us the Covid-10 vaccinations. In addition to the “pathogens” we can contract from touching things or breathing in the air from one who has this manufactured disease, there is also “shedding”, which is the transfer of the disease to others, like innocent babies and children, who come into contact with those who have been inoculated with the Covid-19 vaccination. Apparently it can “shed” its harmful effects to others who have not had it, especially the vulnerable, like babies or the aged.

⁴ **Margaret Barker** is one of the premiere scholars on the Old Testament. She is a female Methodist Priest in England as well as an accomplished writer and lecturer. Her research, books, and papers on the Deuteronomist Reformers, lead by king Josiah in the 7th century B.C. are especially noteworthy. I have used the following sources from her (available on the Internet) in this paper on Hemp, Healing, and Heavenly Mother.

“Restoring Solomon’s Temple”, 2012

“What Did King Josiah Reform?” / BYU Scholars Archive, Chapter 17

“The Holy Anointing Oil”, 2008

“The Temple Roots of the Liturgy”

⁵ **Consult God** Any use of the hemp plant for spiritual purposes should include consultation with God, as in “should I/we use it, and how, and for what purpose?” Many websites now feature good information on the hemp and cannabis plants. Many states have **Dispensaries** (special stores that sell hemp products with and without THC) that sell all kinds of hemp products tied to health, wellness, and recreational use. Employees at these stores can provide useful information about the products.

⁶ Margaret Barker, see endnote 4.

⁷ **Mother in heaven** is represented symbolically in scripture by way of a number of symbols, like the *Tree of Life*, *the Dove*, *the Virgin*, *the Menorah*, and the *Asherah*. Scripture speaks of God’s chariot throne riding upon “the wings of *the Spirit*”. Compare this to the winged sun disk of the Egyptians. Below are a number of name-titles and symbols for our Heavenly Mother. These are found in my paper, *The Matriarch in the Holy Order*.

Potential Names for Mother in Heaven

Wisdom, Sophia (Proverbs)

Shekinah

Asherah or Asherah Pillar

Eloah (female form of El)

El Shaddai (“God with breasts”)

General Associations

The Holy Spirit (Facsimile 1)

The Spirit of God (Record of Heaven)

Anointing Oil from the Tree of Life

7 Gifts of the Spirit (Isa. 11:1; Prov. 9:1)

Hathor / Cow (Facsimile 2)

Related Visual Symbols

Tree of Life (1Nephi 11)

Menorah / Candlestick

Oil / Dew / Light

Dove (the Spirit)

Winged Sun Disc,

Glory of the Lord	Isis with Horus on her lap	Throne: Mother, Wife
Queen of Heaven	Moon	
Eve / Mary	Life, Living Waters	
The Holy One	Virgin (versus the Harlot, see Proverbs)	
Love of God (1 Nephi 11:22)		

⁸ Daniel C. Petersen, “**Nephi and His Asherah**”, 2000, Journal of Book of Mormon Studies, BYU, Vol. 9 : No. 2 , Article 4.

⁹ At least five books put back Mother or the LORD Jesus back into the Old Testament narrative. They include:

1. The Aramaic & Palestinian Targums (or “translations”) of the first five books of Moses. They represent the oldest known translations of these 5 books (The Torah) from Hebrew into another language – Aramaic (and then later English in 1867). This ancient text, some 500 years older than the Greek Septuigent features 251 references to Jesus as “**the Word of the Lord**”, along with 15 other name-titles for Him there. He is the special “Prophet” and “Messiah” that would come to save the people. Name-titles for Christ in the Aramaic Targum, include:

The Word	The Word of the Holy	The Lord	The Redeemer
The Word of the Lord / your God	The Word of Heaven	A Ruler	The Holy One
My Word	The King of kings	A Judge	The adorable Strong One
His Word	The King Meshiha	Presence of the Lord	

2. The JST or Joseph Smith re-translation of the Bible was mostly completed by 1834, but not published to the world until 23 years after Joseph Smith’s murder. The JST portion of Genesis is also known as the LDS Book of Moses. We can thank Joseph’s wife Emma (who safeguarded the 500 page manuscript for it) and their firstborn son Joseph Smith III for its publication. Young Joseph Smith III copyrighted and published the JST in 1867 as President of the RLDS Church (*The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, now changed to *The Community of Christ*). It is one of many offshoot churches from his father’s early restoration effort, a work that was centered on bringing many “**plain and precious**” things back from the edited Bible in both the JST and the Book of Mormon. In just the first 8 chapters of JST Genesis, we read of Jesus Christ as **Creator** a total of 39 times. In them we find 18 different name-titles for or Creator and Redeemer there. They include:

the LORD	Us, the Son and the Father (the LORD God)	the Lamb
the Son	Jesus Christ	I Am
Son of Man	Jesus Christ, the Son of God	Creator
Son of God	my or mine only begotten Son	Messiah
my beloved Son	mine beloved and chosen from the beginning	King of Zion
Only begotten	the Righteous	Rock of Heaven

3. The Book of Mormon features Mother in the Tree of Life visions of Lehi and and his son Nephi. The 1 Nephi 11 account of Nephi is especially revealing. In it we read of a precious, beautiful tree of great whiteness (verse 8). The tree is then compared to a virgin in Nazareth, the Mother of LORD - Mary. The virgin brings forth the Son of God (verse 18). He is the Lamb of God (verse 21).

4. The Book of Enoch addresses the purge of Mother from Solomon’s Temple, descent of the fallen angels (or Watchers) to earth and their negative influence on mankind, and a unique calendar most likely tied to the flat earth. Enoch is mentioned 34 times in the Bible but is not in the book.

5. The Dead Sea Scrolls and Aramaic versions of Isaiah address Mother *and* her anointed Son Jesus in a few limited verses.

¹⁰ **The Menitnah Archives**, volumes 1 through 9 is a collection of the recorded histories of the people known anciently as “the Nemenhah”. They trace their history from the journey of Hagoth into the Land northward (in the Book of Mormon) up to the present day. They are mainly the “Ammonite” people, the Lamanite converts of Ammon who would not take up arms against others. They lived the higher law of consecration, experienced a full range of the gifts of the Spirit, and were visited by the LORD Jesus Christ. The book features the advanced teachings of Timothy, one of the three Translated Nephites from the Book of Mormon, and many insights into the Ammonite people (Native Americans), revealing how they honor women and involve them in counsels, in healing, and their more “complete priesthood”, which comes to them from “Mother”. The writings of the Mentinah people were recorded on various metals and alloys of metals, processed animal hides and paper velum. They were archived in several locations in North and Central America anciently. The only surviving copies of the histories of the Nemenhah have been guarded in the libraries of Sanpete County, Utah. A council of Mayan Elders translated the Nemenhah records into Quiche and then into English in 2004, under the direction of the Hereditary Medicine Chief and **the Council of Mothers**. A good PDF version of this 700 page volume of scripture can be obtained by going to the author’s website, www.7witnesses.com, and download the PDF from the Resources page there.

¹¹ **Note From the Authors** This paper was created by my wife, Lisa and I. Although I wrote the paper, Lisa provided editing using the Spirit to confirm truths, content, choices, etc. We both prayed about important concepts in the paper, that we might know whether certain assertions in it were accurate. You should do the same.

¹² **Ignoring Promising Cancer Research Results** Like the 1937 laws against hemp farming, big money from the pharmaceutical industry has led to the cover up of **promising research results** tied to nearly **all forms of cancer** in studies conducted from 1974 to 2018, with one of these being the U.S. Government itself. Note the research results below.

1974 Researchers at the Medical College of Virginia, funded by the National Institute of Health *to find evidence against* Marijuana and its potential damage to the immune system, *found instead* that **THC slowed the growth of 3 kinds of cancer** in mice! The DEA quickly **shut down the Virginia study** and all further cannabis/tumor research.

1976 President Gerald Ford **put an end to all public cannabis research** and **granted exclusive research rights** to major **pharmaceutical companies** who then squashed the hemp research.

1983 The Reagan-Bush administration told universities and researchers to **destroy all cannabis studies** from 1966-1976.

2000 Dr. Manuel Guzman and other researchers in Madrid Spain announced that they had **destroyed incurable brain tumors** in rats by injecting them with **THC**. The study found that cannabinoids **inhibit tumor growth** by modulating key cell-signaling pathways, **causing direct arrest of cancer growth and death of cancer cells**.

2006 Dr. Donald Tashkin of UCLA reported the results of a 20-year National Institute of Drug Abuse sponsored study on Marijuana use and the potential negative impact on the lungs. He concluded: “We thought that there would be a positive association between marijuana use and lung cancer. What we found instead was **NO association at all** and even a suggestion of some **protective effect**”.

2007 Dr. Sean McAllister of the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute released findings of a study that concluded that CBD could be **the first non-toxic agent to show promise in treating metastatic forms of breast cancer**.

2015 A government-ran cancer institute – the **National Cancer Institute** (cancer.gov) quietly acknowledged that **cannabis kills cancer cells**. The U.S. Government has found that cannabis possesses many **cancer-killing properties**, while at the same time outlawing its use. According to their own website, the NCI is mandated by U.S. law to educate the American public who funds it. They are the principle government agency for cancer research, stating that, “**Cannabis has been shown to kill cancer cells in the laboratory**” - see question #6. This question refers to whether any pre-clinical studies have been conducted using cannabis or cannabinoids. The website references studies conducted on mice and rats that allude to **cannabinoids inhibiting tumor growth** by causing cells to die, blocking cancer cell growth, and blocking the development of the blood vessels the tumors rely on for growth. It also had links to the additional studies summarized below.

*Cannabinoids can potentially reduce the risk of colon cancer due to its anti-inflammatory effects on the colon.

*Delta-9 THC was found to damage or kill liver cancer cells.

*Delta-9 THC had anti-tumor effects.

*CBD caused breast cancer cell death while having little effect on normal, healthy breast cells.

*CBD, when used with chemotherapy may help make chemotherapy more effective and increase cancer cell death without adversely impacting normal, healthy cells.

Furthermore, NCI acknowledged that cannabis stimulates appetite, relieves pain, relieves nausea and vomiting, treats anxiety, and improves sleep quality.

2018 Dr. Victor Novack, director of the Cannabis Clinical Research Center and Research Authority, Soroka University Medical Center, Beersheba, Israel, and his colleagues, released the finding of a 2960-patient observational study of patients that used **cannabis as part of treatment for cancer**, concluded: “Of the 1742 patients who survived to 6 months and who finished the study, 60% of them had achieved “**treatment success**”.

The *Word of Wisdom* (D&C section 89) is Mother’s word to us on how we can be healthy and happy, if we will but listen. It addresses evil and designing men in the last days - who conspire together against us to get gain, without regard for our health or wellbeing.