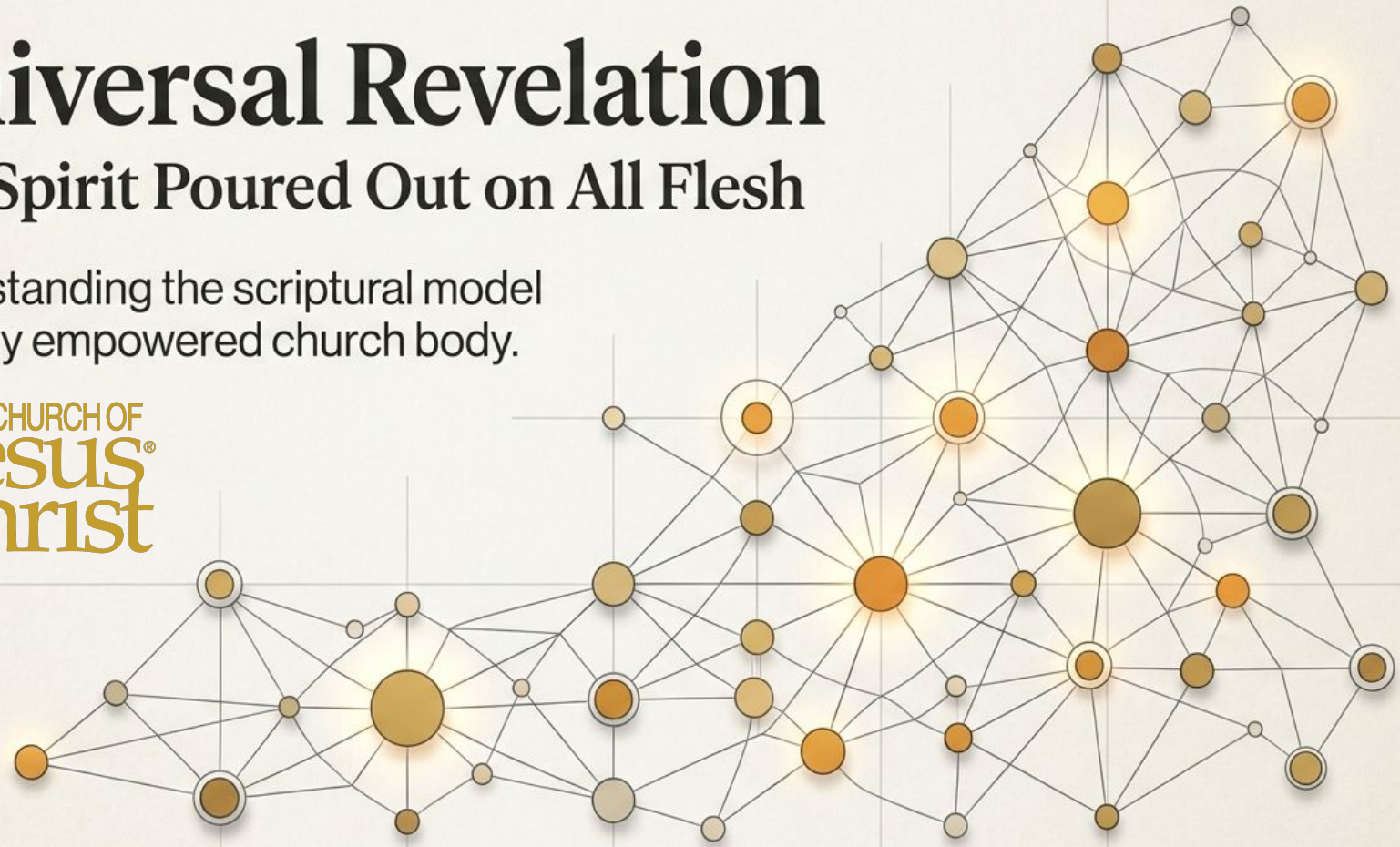


Universal Revelation

The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh

Understanding the scriptural model
of a fully empowered church body.

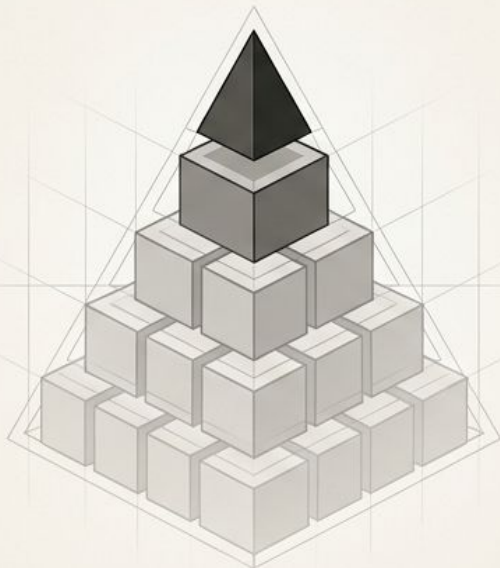
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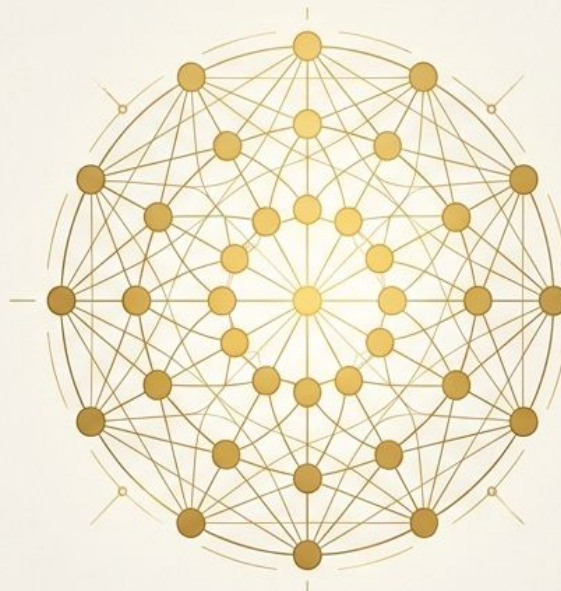
Revelation belongs to every believer.

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The Leadership Perk



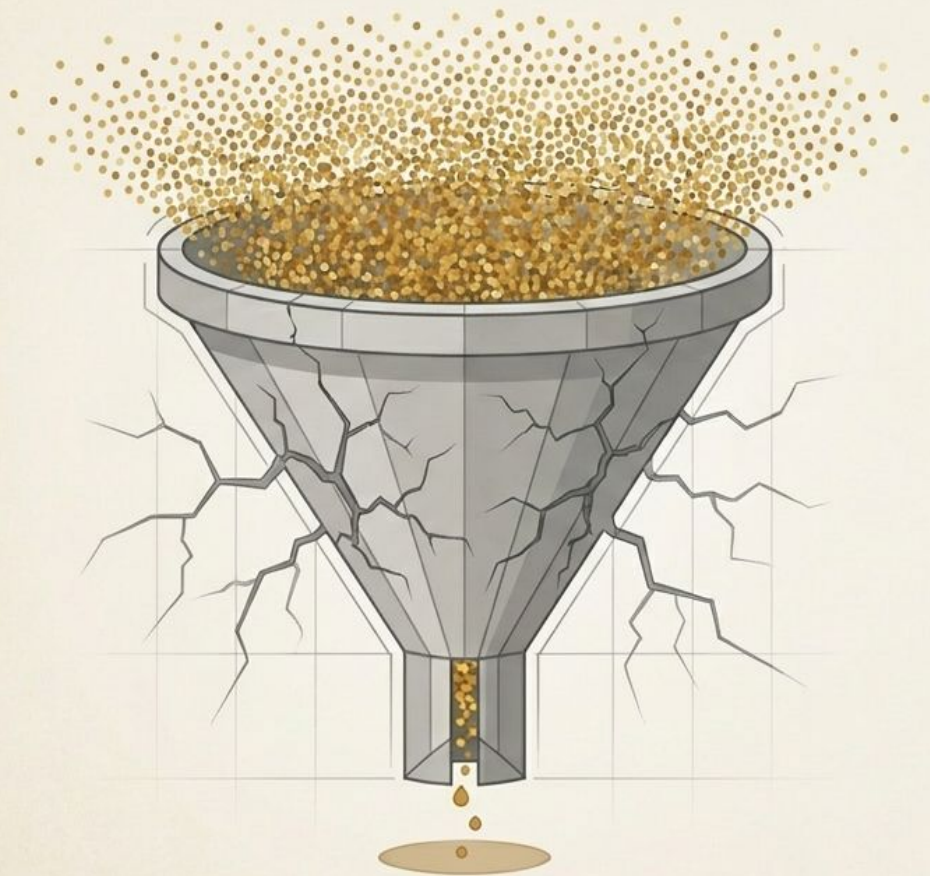
The Believer's Birthright



If you have ever felt the Holy Spirit speak to your heart, you already know something important about revelation: It is personal, it is real, and it is available to every child of God. Who receives revelation? Anyone and everyone God chooses.

	The Hierarchical Model	The Distributed Model
Direction of Flow	Top-down. A single leader or council receives and dictates to the body.	Lateral and upward. The Spirit falls on the entire community; gifts are distributed across the body.
Role of the Member	Passive receiver. Expected to seek confirmation of what leadership has already decided.	Active participant. Commanded to seek gifts, prophesy, and edify the congregation.
Safeguard Against Error	Position. Trust is placed in the infallibility or authority of the office.	Collective Discernment. Gifts are exercised in order and actively tested by the congregation against scripture.

The Fatal Flaws of Centralized Exclusivity



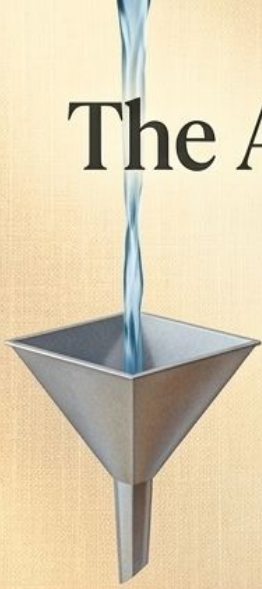
Scriptural Contradiction

Neither the Bible nor the Book of Mormon describes a system where one person receives all revelation. The biblical pattern is **distributed, not centralized.**

Removal of Safeguards

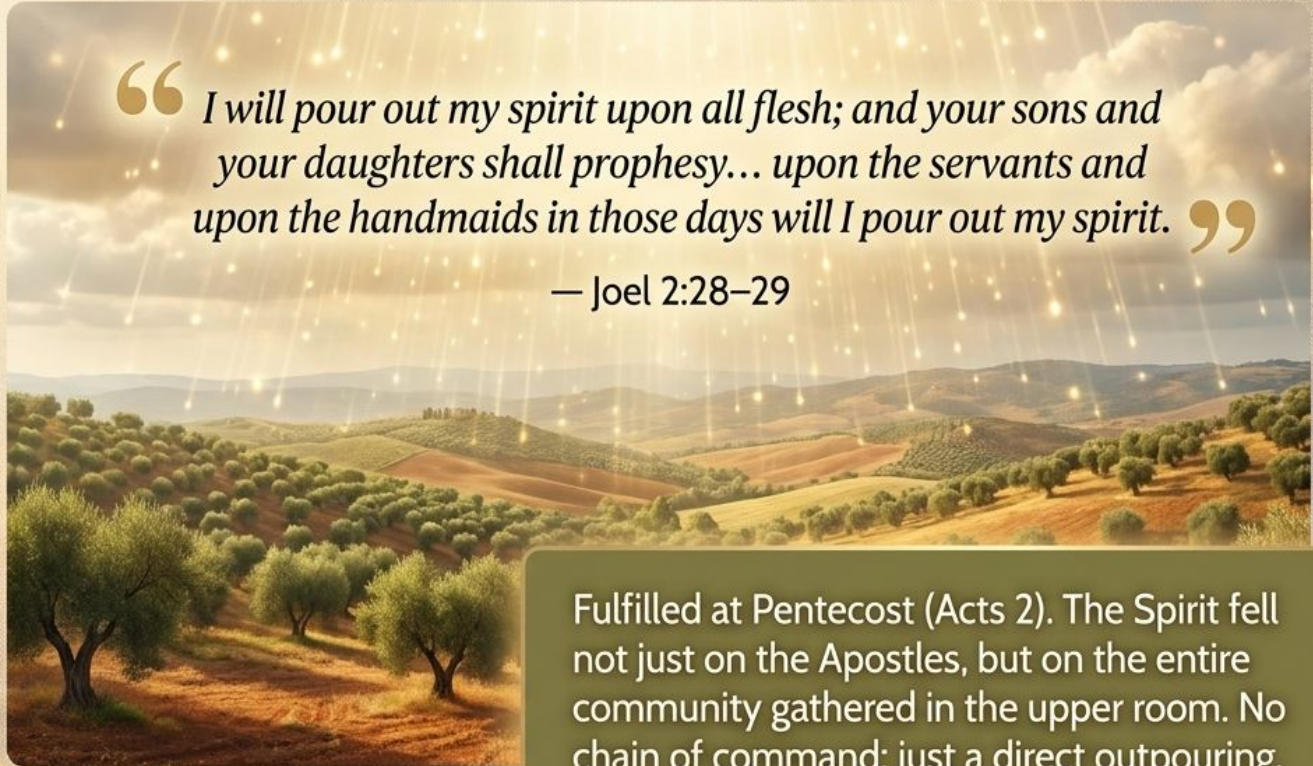
If one person is the sole source of binding revelation—and the body has no standing to test or challenge it—there is no check on false teaching.

The Ancient Promise of the Rainstorm



“ *I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy... upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.* ”

— Joel 2:28–29



Fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2). The Spirit fell not just on the Apostles, but on the entire community gathered in the upper room. No chain of command; just a direct outpouring.

Joel's Promise Crossed Every Boundary

Barrier 1: Gender



"Sons and your
daughters shall
prophesy"

Barrier 2: Age



"Old men...
young men"

Barrier 3: Class



"Servants and upon
the handmaids"

Confirmed by Peter at Pentecost
(Acts 2:16), the Spirit fell on the entire
community (Acts 1:13-14), setting
aside all distinctions of human status.

The Ideal is a Nation of Prophets



Story Summary

When two men prophesied in the camp instead of the tabernacle, Joshua urged Moses to stop them. Moses refused.

Focus Quote

Enviest thou for my sake?
Would God that all the
Lord's people were prophets,
and that the Lord would put
his spirit upon them!

— Numbers 11:29

Synthesis Insight

Moses understood the goal is not one prophet and millions of followers. The goal is a people so filled with the Spirit that God speaks directly through all of them.

The Restoration Witness: Every Good Gift

Moroni

“And all these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ; and they come unto every man severally, according as he will.” (Moroni 10:17).

Gifts are distributed according to Christ's will—not according to institutional hierarchy or rank.

Mormon

“Nay; for it is by faith that miracles are wrought” (Moroni 7:37).

Faith is the sole key to angelic ministry and the power of the Holy Ghost.



Gifts Distributed to Every Member

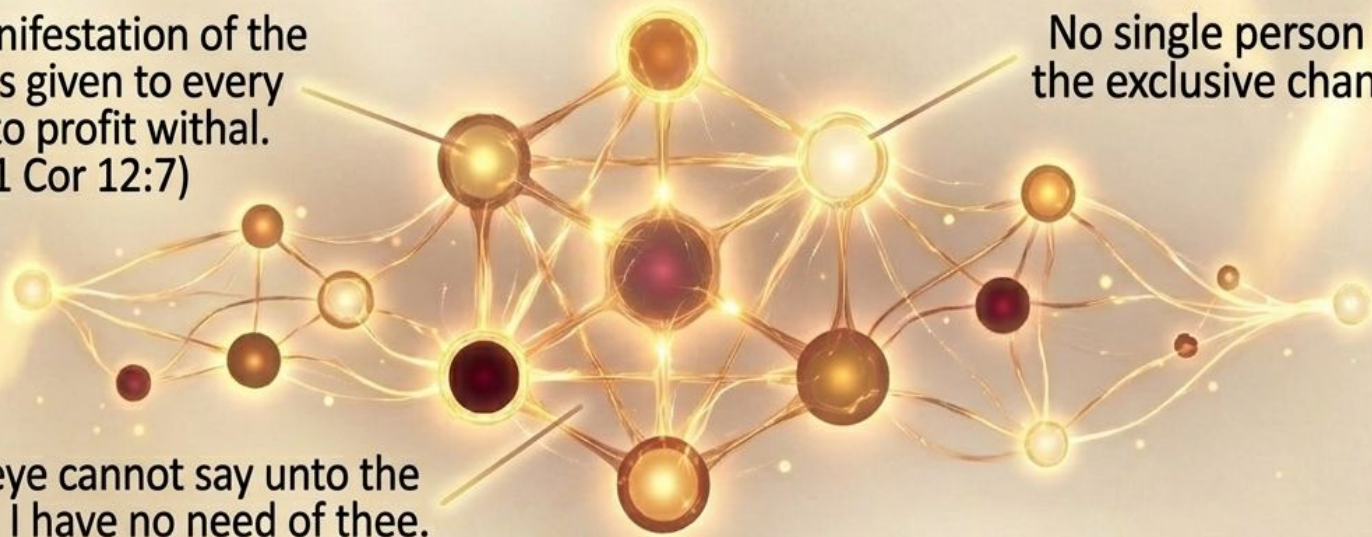


To one... to another... to another. No single person has all the gifts. The body functions only because every member contributes what the Spirit gives them (1 Cor 12:4–10).

The New Testament Blueprint

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
(1 Cor 12:7)

No single person is the exclusive channel.



The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee.
(1 Cor 12:21)

The moment one office claims to be the exclusive source of revelation, the body is broken.

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FAITH.

Not rank. Not ordination. Not a leadership calling.

The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). You must believe God speaks, and be willing to step forward when He does.

Church Meetings May Include Gifts of the Spirit:

Prophecy

A member stands to speak a message of edification, exhortation, or comfort directly through the Spirit.

Tongues & Interpretation

Someone speaks in tongues, and another provides the interpretation, acting in tandem.

Dreams & Visions

A member shares a revelation received during the week that the congregation needs to hear.

Healing

Elders anoint and pray for the sick, manifesting the gift of healing in real-time.

The Texture of Worship in Practice

1. The Outpouring

On any given Sunday, the Spirit may move through the body. A member shares a dream, the elders pray for healing, or someone speaks a word of prophecy.

2. The Order

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. (1 Cor 14:29).
Gifts are exercised in a structured, expected order, not as occasional anomalies.

3. The Measurement

What is spoken is actively tested by the congregation.
Scripture remains the ultimate standard against which all experiences are measured.

The Safeguard: Testing the Spirits

Spiritual Gifts /
Prophecyings

Scripture &
Congregational
Testing

Edification &
Good Order



*“Despise not prophesyings.
Prove all things; hold fast
that which is good.”*

(1 Thessalonians 5:20–21)

The Balance:

Do not suppress the gifts, but do test them. Both instructions are essential.

Scripture remains the ultimate standard against which everything is measured.

The Revelation Process: From Experience to Church

Following the exact pattern established by the disciples in Acts 10-11.



Step Into the Network



Read

Search the scriptures cited here for yourself, without commentary (Acts 17:11).



Pray

Use Moroni's invitation (Moroni 10:3-5) and sincerely ask God to confirm what is true.



Trust

If the Spirit is moving in your heart—dreams forming, urges to pray, scripture coming alive—trust it. It is not an accident.



Test

Do not suppress the Spirit, but test every prompting against the standard of scripture. God speaks, and He can speak to you.

Two Models of Church Revelation

	Top-Down / Hierarchical	Distributed / Universal
Direction of Flow	Top-Down	Distributed across the body.
Source of Revelation	Concentrated in one leader	The Holy Spirit moving through all flesh.
Role of Lay Member	Receive confirmation of leader's words	Active contributor of spiritual gifts.
Scriptural Foundation	Contradicts Paul & Moses	Affirmed by Acts, 1 Cor 12, Joel, Moroni.
Safeguards	None against a single leader's error	Congregational testing against Scripture.



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