

I am a brother to Minnie WADDELL, AND My Brothers and Sisters and Friends, I feel most humble in this responsibility today as we have gathered here to honor a good wife and mother and Sister and grandmother and friend. Minnie Bell Coleman Waddell.

~~We have been told something in regard to her life, and I might add a little more in regard to this family.~~

We express our love for Brother Bill and for ~~the~~ this family, as we are separated from ~~her~~. THE MOTHER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD.

And it is my prayer that the love of our Heavenly Father will sustain them in this hour of sorrow and in the days ahead.

I am sure that we are aware of the suffering that was experienced in this illness that took Minnie - not only on her part - but on the part of all her family and those ~~that~~ who helped her and were so close to her - and at her side. AND I NEED MENTION MY SISTER IRIS, AMONG OTHERS, WHO WERE SO DEVOTED. WW

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Our Mother's father was Born in Nauvoo, Illinois on February 26, 1846 - just about 3 weeks after the first wagons rolled out of Nauvoo to cross the Mississippi ~~xx~~ headed West. His father had been baptised in the Dupage River about 25 miles south of Chicago in December of 1831, about less than two years after the Church was organized. Chicago 3500 People -

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In 1892 Dad and mother were married, and then went by team and wagon with to the temple in St. George Utah and were sealed there. We were all born in the Covenant. OUR ROOTS ARE DEEP IN LDS HISTORY.

When mother died in 1917, she left 10 children between the ages of one month and 24 years. Minnie was 17, and there were 7 children who were 13 and younger to be cared for.

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As our friends and loved ones ~~continue~~ pass from this state to a better world, we who remain, feel an increased interest therein, and, of course, may contemplate that time when we may be reunited.

Whether we <sup>can</sup> be reunited is not a matter of doubt or speculation - it is a matter of knowledge.

Our mortal bodies may sleep, but our spirits are eternal, and, if faithful here, we shall enjoy an immortality in the presence of God that will amply reward us for all that we may endure in this life.

Now, as I have said - we know that man existed as a spiritual being before birth into this life.

We came as spirits from another sphere. We are here on earth for a glorious purpose.

This purpose would be defeated without the experiences which come to us through the instrumentality of this mortal body.

It is the means through which we interpret our surroundings and secure experiences necessary for our eternal growth and progress.

We believe that this earth experience is so necessary that with all its ~~adversities and sufferings and separations and sorrows - it is so necessary that~~ it is precious beyond anything of which the mind of man can conceive.

We believe that this mortal body is an integral and eternal part of the immortal soul of man - that in the plan for the progress of man - gaining a physical body was a glorious achievement.

When we have finished this life <sup>our bodies</sup> in this sphere <sup>such as Sister [name] has done</sup> - ~~it~~ will be preserved in the great hereafter, and in its perfection it will be reunited with the immortal and imperishable spirit. That the two together - the body and the spirit in union - constitutes the soul of man, and will be preserved in our final state.

There will be a ~~restitution~~ restitution of all things in heaven and on earth to make things perfect. That which we call this present life, in reality, has no end; that which we call time is in reality eternity.

We say the dead have departed this life as though they had departed to some other life.

This is not so! Dying is like going from one room to another - or from one part of the earth to another. The life still exists, ~~though the body returns to dust but the life which dwelt in it is indestructible.~~

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But, as Paul has written, "Though he were a Son of God, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

The scriptures say that we should live together in love, insomuch, as thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die.

~~But~~ Lord has said - "And it shall come to pass that those who die in me shall not taste of death for it shall be sweet unto them.

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The spirit and the body are the soul of man - and one is not perfect without the other. There will be a restitution of all things in heaven and on earth to make things perfect.

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We read of men who have been translated - but even they must pass through a change that is equal to death.

It is in the plan that man should die. - The rich the poor - the bond the free - the great the lowly; - All must die. Death comes to everyone. Death is a necessary step to our eternal progression. - But certainly it is not the end. It is only a transitional state whereby we move from one stage of action to another.

The spirit continues to live - to move - to think - to learn - and to engage in all those activities associated with existence in our next estate.

~~The physical body is placed in the grave there to remain until the time of our resurrection.~~

The change called death is ordained of God and is a blessing to man. This, in many instances may be difficult to understand. But if mortality were the perfect state - then

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death would be a frustration - but the Lord has taught us that there is no tragedy in death. It is part of the plan.

It would be tragic if man could never be released from mortality - that ~~she~~ might put on immortality.

Death releases man from his mortal existence and makes possible his onward progress toward eternal life and exaltation.

Now just as we express the reality of birth - and life - and of death, - there is still another reality that brings hope and comfort to our souls on such occasions as this.

That is the reality of the resurrection.

Paul said - "If in this life only we have hope in Christ - we are of all men most miserable, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead". "For as in Adam all die - even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

No one but He could break the bonds of death - the bodies of all mankind - from the days of Adam to Christ's resurrection - lay powerless in their graves.

But when Christ was resurrected - we read in the new Testament that many of the Saints who had lived up to that time also received their bodies - and were seen by many.

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Matthew records the event in these words (27:52-53) "And the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. - "And came out of the graves after His resurrection - and went into the Holy city - and appeared unto many."

And so Christ was the first fruits and the account of His literal resurrection is told in the Gospel ~~of~~ according to John - And he tells it this way - in part.

Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the sepulchre."

"And seeth two angels in white sitting - the one at the head - and the other at the feet", where ~~was~~ the body of Jesus had lain."

And they say unto her. - "Woman, why weepest thou? - She ~~XX~~ saith unto them, - "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

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And so the Risen Lord appeared to other apostles, and "after that, as reported by Paul, "He was seen of about five hundred brethren at once..."

"And last of all, ~~Paul~~ said Paul, - "He was seen of me also."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was abundantly verified. The apostle John on an occasion said, "And as Moses lifted up the ~~xxx~~ serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son - that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish - but have everlasting life.

*Now* I ~~testify~~ <sup>testify</sup> that Sister ~~Lucas~~ <sup>Lucas</sup> is truly the daughter of our Father in Heaven and the step that she has taken is part of a great plan that God has for all his children. My knowledge of this fact, I testify to you in the name of our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ Amen.

*MRS ACCOMPLISHED A NECESSARY EXPERIENCE OF ETERNAL LIFE.*

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"She - supposing him to be the gardner, said unto him, - "Sir if thou have borne him hence - tell me where thou has laid him - and I will take him away."

"And Jesus said unto her - "Mary".

"She turned herself and saith unto him - "Rabboni"; - which is to say "Master".

"Jesus said unto her - "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto ~~my~~ my Father - but go to my brethren and say unto them - "I ascend unto my Father - and to your Father - and to my God - and to your God".

"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had spoken many things unto her."

Then the same day at evening - being the first day of the week - when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews - came Jesus and stood in their midst - and saith unto them. - "Peace be unto you".

And when he had so said - he showed unto them his hands and his side. - Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord".

And at the Savior's resurrection - those many others of the Saints that we have already spoken of came from their graves in the same identical manner - in complete fulfillment of the prediction so precisely stated by Amulek in these words:

"The spirit and body shall be reunited again in its perfect form - both limb and joint shall be restored to its proper frame - even as we are at this time".

*Now* The risen Lord had appeared to many including Peter - his chief apostle. - to other apostles and "After that" - as reported by Paul - "He was seen of about five hundred ~~men~~ brethren at once. . ."

And last of all - said Paul - "He was seen of me also".

The resurrection was abundantly verified - as we have stated - probably the best established information we have is this existence of God.

The witnesses were many

These were the facts.

These facts - as stated - may once more make it possible to associate with our loved ones again. ~~With our loved ones again.~~ *With our God Brother HAROLD.*

My personal knowledge of this fact - I testify to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - Amen.