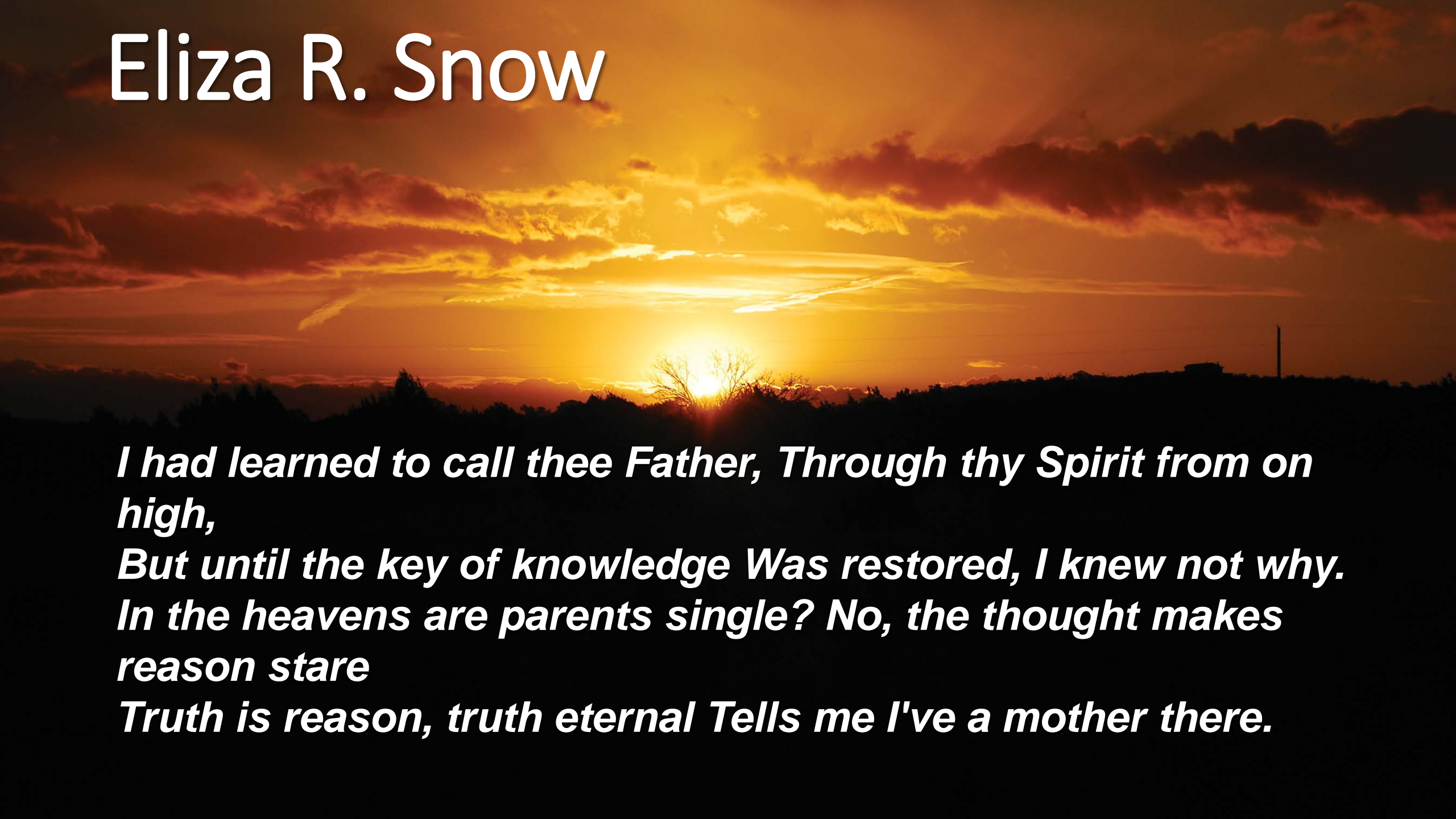




Isaiah

Eliza R. Snow

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across a sky filled with dark, dramatic clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of trees and a utility pole against the bright light of the setting sun.

*I had learned to call thee Father, Through thy Spirit from on high,
But until the key of knowledge Was restored, I knew not why.
In the heavens are parents single? No, the thought makes reason stare
Truth is reason, truth eternal Tells me I've a mother there.*

Hebrew Parallelism

Tennyson

“Out flew the web and floated **wide**;

The mirror crack’d from side to **side**” (Rhyming words)

Isaiah

The **ox** knoweth his **owner** and

*The **ass** his master’s **crib***

*But **Israel** doth not **know***

*My **people** doth not **consider** (Rhyming ideas)*

Victor Ludlow (History)

[At the beginning of his ministry] was a time of peace for both kingdoms, since neither Assyria (to the northeast) nor Egypt (to the southwest) had strong rulers who threatened that part of the Middle East. Both Israelite countries were becoming more cosmopolitan as increased trade and prosperity improved the wealth of the urban upper classes.

Meanwhile, the lower classes and rural dwellers experienced increased taxes, land expropriations, and social inequities. Idolatry and wickedness permeated all social levels. Thus, wealth, social injustices, immorality, and growing pagan worship came to characterize both societies, with the greatest decadence being in Samaria."

(Isaiah: Prophet, Seer, and Poet, 23)



The Lord States his case



Isaiah 1



Contrasting Mountains

V.2 ...in the last days, [when] the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be *established* in the top of the mountains, and shall be *exalted* above the hills;

and all *nations* shall flow unto it. (2:2b)

And many *people* shall go and say,

Come ye, and let us go up to the *mountain* of the Lord, to the *house* of the God of Jacob ;

V.12 *For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon*

Every one that is proud and lofty

...upon the *cedars of Lebanon* that are high and lifted up

And upon *all the high mountains* and upon all the hills that are lifted up

And *upon every high tower* and upon every fenced wall.

And upon *all the ships of Tarshish* and upon all pleasant pictures

Zion

V. 3 and he will *teach us* of his ways,
and *we will walk* in his paths:

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all thine Heart and lean not unto thine own understanding
In all thy paths acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths

Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil
It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones

and they shall beat *their swords* into plowshares,
and *their spears* into pruning hooks:
nation shall not lift up sword against *nation*,
neither shall *they* learn war any more.

Those ways and paths...

Elder Enzo Busche

A disciple of Christ is . . . constantly, even in the midst of all regular activities, striving all day long through silent prayer and contemplation to be in the depth of self-awareness to keep him in the state of meekness and lowliness of heart.

This is the place where we suddenly see the heavens open as we feel the full impact of the love of our Heavenly Father, which fills us with indescribable joy. With this fulfillment of love in our hearts, we will never be happy anymore just by being ourselves or living our own lives.

We will not be satisfied until we have surrendered our lives into the arms of the loving Christ, and until He has become the doer of all our deeds and He has become the speaker of all our words.

[Busche, "Truth," p. 26]

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures;

Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

And the mean man boweth not down, and the great man humbleth himself not; therefore forgive them not.

O ye wicked ones, enter into the rock, and hide ye in the dust; for the fear of the Lord and his majesty shall smite thee.

And it shall come to pass that the lofty looks of man shall be humbled,

For the day of the Lord of hosts soon cometh upon all nations; yea, upon everyone; yea, upon the proud and lofty, and upon everyone who is lifted up, and he shall be brought low.

And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills, and upon all the nations which are lifted up;

And upon [all the ships of the sea,] and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low;

And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which he hath made for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

Dedication of the Idaho Falls Temple

'We thank thee that thou hast revealed to us that those who gave us our constitutional form of government were men wise in thy sight and that thou didst raise them up for the very purpose of putting forth that sacred document

""We pray that kings and rulers and the peoples of all nations under heaven may be persuaded of the blessings enjoyed by the people of this land by reason of their freedom and under thy guidance and be constrained to adopt similar governmental systems, thus to fulfill the ancient prophecy of Isaiah and Micah that " . . . out of Zion shall go forth the law

The Solution

*Wash [ye],
make you clean;
put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; (1:16)*

*Learn to do well;
seek [justice], *relieve* the oppressed,
[vindicate] the fatherless, plead for the widow. (1:17)*

*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:
though your sins be as *scarlet*, they shall be as white as snow;
though they be red like *crimson*, they shall be as wool. (1:18)*

*If ye be *willing and obedient*, ye shall eat the good of the land; (1:19)
But if ye *refuse and rebel*, ye shall be devoured with the sword.
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (1:20)*

The Refuge from the Coming Storm

Isaiah 4: 5,6

And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain

Three Places of Refuge:

1- Every dwelling place

2- upon her assemblies

3- a tabernacle for:

a shadow in the daytime

a place of refuge

a covert from storm and from rain