



Zion Flash Card - *THE PRICE of ZION*

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“My life has been marked with few outstanding experiences that could be termed supernatural. Two were connected with the work of the women’s department. **From them I caught a vision of the importance of women in the effort to establish Zion.** I lay awake, contemplating the work of the department, **my mind was penetrated by such a clear understanding of its possibilities that I was thrilled from head to foot for half an hour. I was bathed in that marvelous spirit, while vision after vision of the various avenues of service were unfolded before me,** I saw the training of children must begin in babyhood...Young mothers educated...not only for motherhood as pertains to the physical care of children but also in their spiritual development...I saw how to become good mothers...I saw courses of study for parents, adolescents, and younger girls. I saw how much depended on good health, which meant studies in nutrition, home economics, intelligent homemaking and the careful use of income. **The avenues of work waiting to be done by our women seemed endless.**” Following this experience Audentia was asked to lead the women of the church by Fred M. Smith. She states that during her time in this office, **“Women all over the church were aroused to the dignity of their position and its relationship to the cause of Zion.”**





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Audentia Anderson's Article - Part 2

The price of Zion is not trivial. It is no easy matter to overcome the weakness of our own nature nor is it a light thing to divest ourselves of self-interest and to truly walk in the steps of the Savior. We get so concerned with material things, with comfort of body and mind, that we do not go out to find the ones who need us and the help we could offer. We fail to drive out the unlovely spirits of envy, pride, or faultfinding. We forget to recount often enough the “fruits of the spirit” as enumerated by one of old...**It is going to take the aroused and active interest of every church member in every Latter Day Saint home to purify his or her own little corner of the kingdom, beginning at the innermost core.** Can we go through a rigid questionnaire of our own selves, our own secret desire, our pet faults, and frailties, our grievances, and bitterness? Can we search, with utter honesty, and find that our hearts are filled only with love and it's attributes – quick forgiveness, tender benevolences?... **...What price Zion? Indeed a desirable thing is worth the price it costs; and if, in our self-examination, we find we have evaluated Zion too cheaply, let us shake ourselves awake...the women of the church can through humility, study, and faithful effort, be given a vision of their part in the plan of God for the saving of His people in the Latter Days.**



Zion Flash Card - Vision of Preparing for Christ Coming

Audentia Anderson Article – Part 3

I was lying in bed one night. Suddenly while still awake, or so it seemed, I found myself seated with a group of other women in a close semi-circle. All of us were busy working on a garment that was spread over our laps. We were happy as we worked, but we seemed imbued with a spirit of haste. All at once, we were no longer seated, but working hurriedly at the heavy embroidery with which we were embellishing the beautiful white satin robe. Now, however, instead of resting upon our laps, the garment was upon the shoulders of a man. My gaze traveled upward to see who the wearer was, and I saw it was my brother Fred M!

With that discovery a wave of spiritual light swept over me. I sensed clearly he represented the body of the church on the earth and that the pure white garment upon his shoulders was the robe of righteousness the church should wear before it would be worthy to receive the coming Christ. **I saw clearly, too, that it was the women who were putting the finishing touches to the transcendently lovely garment and I thrilled to the realization that the reason for our haste was that the cry had gone forth, “Behold! The bridegroom cometh!”**

Then Audentia quoted, “For Zion must increase in beauty and holiness; for her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments! And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom.”