



DNA

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Do you know what DNA is? Or what those letters stand for? My curiosity stirred me to find out. Well, it wasn't something clever like: "Discover Natural Ancestry". (That's what I would call it.) The actual interpretation is: Deoxyribonucleic Acid... a hereditary material found in the body's cells.

We hear about DNA when watching some of those shows on TV where the good guys are trying to ascertain the identity of the bad guys. They use various methods to verify their suspicions, such as blood samples or swabbing the mouth. Of course, the end of most of these shows is that the good guys get the bad guys. (Hooray, I say!)

Unfortunately, we've read in the newspaper or news reports of instances where individuals were sent to prison years ago; all the while proclaiming their innocence. Their cries helped them none at all until the introduction of DNA testing. Thanks to this scientific marvel, many innocent persons have been released from prison. Sadly, incarceration robbed them of many years of freedom. Most often, these unfortunate incidents affected families left without a loved one.

Sadly too, is that some identifications are made through DNA when death has been long past or the injuries are to the point of non-recognition. Thus, answers through DNA can be provided for those seeking closure.

On a happier note, families have been reunited through DNA when a child was given up for adoption, or the separation has been by kidnapping. How happy those families had to be when notified that their lost one had been recovered and verified by DNA testing! (Again, Hooray!)

The most wonderful of all is the "DNA" of God's which was deposited in us through the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice of Jesus. Without the need for testing and through our faith, we know that God's DNA was deposited in us through the Holy Spirit. And we can thank Jesus for making us children of God through His sacrifice on the cross.

I know that my Father in Heaven will know me when the time comes for me to join Him. Not just by my DNA, but also because of the relationship that I have with Him daily. His DNA keeps me going when things are hard or unpleasant, and He gives me the strength to pass through valleys and rise to the mountain top. His DNA is reflected in the love that I enjoy because of family and friends in my life. What a blessing to have such a Father! And His DNA! (And that's a really BIG HOORAY!)