

believed in the principle, though I thought the correct practise of it too severe for weak human nature. . . I've never loved any other woman, Ruth. I never shall.

. . . But sometimes we must sacrifice our feelings for our convictions. If this principle of plural marriage were restored and I felt it my duty to enter it, would you be able to give your consent?"

"My heart seemed to stop beating. I couldn't answer. I began to cry. I broke down. He didn't say anything more—then.

"But later he brought up all those old arguments you know so well—that it purified our souls of selfishness; that it gave to the many spirits anxiously awaiting entrance to this world a chance to come here and do their work in this stage of their existence. I tried to oppose these with arguments of my own: that not only might it destroy selfishness in women but even the women themselves. I told him that women were said to be more