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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion & that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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Mental Garden

Resentment is an ugly thing,
It crowds the roses out;
Keep your mental garden fair,
Put harmful things to rout.

Seed thoughts that you cultivate
Within your fertile mind,
Bring forth varied blossoms
According to their kind.

Anger, malice, worry, fear,
Are noxious mental seeds;
Quickly rid your mind of them
Before they choke as weeds.

Faith, gentleness, humility,
Truth, patience, unselfed love,
Are specimens of seedlings rare,
Approved of God above.

Your mental garden is a place
In which you daily dwell.
Let nothing ugly flourish there,
Safeguard and tend it well.

Grenville Kleiser

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EDITORIAL

Deception

"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh." Col. 2:18-23.

I have been an ardent trout fisherman all my life, (though I have found little time for it in the last few years) and recently I starting tying my own flies. (This may seem to have little application to a Scriptural reading, but bear with me a few moments and I will tie the two together.)

I have found it very essential in tying a successfully beguiling fly, to employ the most deceptive material at my disposal and to fabricate it in as life-like a fashion as possible. Note, I did not say as bright, flashy and colorful as possible; but as real and life-like as possible.

The reason for such great care in imitating real flies and other insects in trout fishing is, that they (trout) are far more selective (choosy) in their diet than most fish. Their senses of size and color are more accurate than

most other fish, and therefore more difficult to beguile with imitations. It is rarely the brightest, most colorful fly that takes the trout, because they bear little resemblance to the natural diet of a trout.

Even though the imitation is similar enough in appearance and presented to the trout in the natural manner of that particular specie of insect the trout still may not take the lure. Unlike many other fish which dart after anything that moves, plops, flashes, etc., the trout will not take lures and bait that do not closely imitate his natural food. If the fly is perfect but the silken (or nylon) thread attached to it is visible even the perfection with which it is presented still will not beguile him.

But when the imitation is good, the silken thread invisibly fine, the fisherman's skill in presenting the fly in a realistic manner is sufficiently perfected, and he has a considerable degree of patience; he is very likely to beguile some very nice trout. The trout's too careless inspection and perhaps too great an appetite, brings him great disappointment; but it brings the fisherman a very pleasant meal.

Now the real point of our story.

In our **Spiritual** and **Physical** lives there are also two kinds of food in each:

1. In our Spiritual life there is the real and good food of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which taken freely and exclusively into our lives will lead to eternal life. It is opposed by the imitation and false food of Satan's philosophy which "does not fill" and is attached by silken threads to destruction and eternal damnation.

2. In our physical life there are those nourishing and healthful foods, habits, activities and environments that keep us physically strong and mentally alert which can aid our search and striving for eternal life. It again is opposed by the popular philosophy of the day, handed down to us from the beginning of time, of, "drink, eat and be merry for tomorrow ye die," which deteriorates and degenerates the body and the mind, and which in turn, in the frenzy to appease the appetite and satisfy the hunger in the world, leads it farther and deeper into the abyss of degradation from which few are able to find their way back to respectability and a hope in eternal life.

What then, is the point in the trout story? It is simply this: If we hope to avoid the cunning deceptions and imitations of that most accomplished deceiver of all, Satan, and feed upon the nourishment of Jesus Christ and Him only, we must also become extremely selective of both our Spiritual and Physical diet. We must inspect and check each thing we do, partake of, each word we speak.

We are admonished by Christ Himself in Matthew 24:23-24:

"Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in-somuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Yes, just as the largest and most wary trout can sometimes be caught off-guard, so we too can become beguiled by those things of the world (which are not always flashy and bright, but nevertheless imitations and false), if we relax our vigil or become negligent in our duties toward our Heavenly Father. We must inspect **every** item of our diet, especially our Spiritual diet, by the intense light of the Scriptures; both the Bible and Book of Mormon.

Paul tells us in Gal. 1:9-12:

"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after a man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

This then being true, that any teaching contrary to that contained in the two aforementioned Scriptures, is contrary to the teachings of Christ and His Gospel, and those who teach contrary to these things are partakers of the curse which Paul pronounced upon them. Yes, they cast forth an imitation of the real; and if we receive it unto ourselves, having failed to detect the silken thread, the false wings and body, we no longer receive the "nourishment ministered, and knit together," increased "with the increase of God."

We may ask, "What are some of the things that are so beguiling to us?" To some it may be one thing, to another something else. But we might give serious thought to these few things as a point to begin to check for the real and imitation:

1. Contention over doctrine. Christ said, "Behold this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger one against another; But this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away." (Read all) III Nephi 5:30-35.
2. Vengefulness. Again Christ said, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" Matt. 5:44.

This probably is the most difficult of all Christ's commandments to keep, since it is our nature to give blow

for blow and to give better (really worse) than we receive. Here we are like the relaxed trout, when the bait comes by he takes it and the scrap is on, we also lean toward the relishing of meeting out "just desserts."

We will conclude with this thought;

3. Aloofness to one another. Once more Christ tells us, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I loved you." John 15:12.

R. A. W.

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AN INDIAN VERSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

(Cook Christian Training School, Phoenix, Arizona)

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road. His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards, He gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills 'til it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in a Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

Words do well enough for programs, and for the frames of action, but fulfillment comes in deeds. We have indulged, as a people, a penchant for orators. But we have discovered that it is mostly the silent men who do things. The old story about using so much steam in a whistle that there is none left for the wheels, is more than humor—it is philosophy.—Sir Oracle.

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IN THE BEGINNING GOD

Apostle C. L. Wheaton

In this article I wish to write on one of the fundamental teachings of the Restoration of this Church of Christ which was established by the will of God, April 6, 1830, through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, Jr., who was visited by a heavenly messenger, and given authority from Jesus Christ to restore the Church which He had established during His personal ministry in the Holy Land.

Of this experience, Joseph Smith, who was fifteen years old at the time, later wrote in his history, that early in the Spring of 1820, during a period of great religious fervor in the community in which he lived, that he was directed to go into a grove on his father's farm near Palmyra, New York, and pray for guidance. Among other things he experienced, he relates, was, "I saw two personages whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air, one of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other—'THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, HEAR HIM.' "

This statement I have always believed, and from my youth was taught that this represented the belief and teachings of the Church of Christ. Not from this statement alone, but because it was, is and always shall be in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ, whom He sent into the world to testify of Him.

During the ministry of Christ, He stated that He "came down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him that sent me."—John 6:38. It is pertinent, therefore that we know who it was that sent Christ into the world, and where we can find Him. Jesus further stated that this Being who sent Him was His Father. (Ibid verse 39).

Therefore by a study of the Scriptures, we learn that God the Father, was called by the Israelites, **Jehovah**, meaning the existing one, (Genesis 2:4); El Shaddai, or Almighty God, (Genesis 17:1); or Adonay Jehovah; and Lord God, (Exodus 23:17).

These names are all singular terms, indicating the person of God the Father. In the English language there is no words that completely express the meaning of these Hebrew appellations which relate to the Supreme Being. So the translators of the Bible from the Hebrew into the English language have borrowed from the Teutonic languages the term "God" and applied it to several Hebrew names used to designate not only the Supreme Being, the Creator of the Universe and all of its great planetary systems, but also

to those associated with Him, i.e., Jesus Christ His Only Begotten Son, and the Spirit or Holy Ghost, which compose the God-head.

For example, we now refer to another passage of Scripture, which is the very first sentence in the Book of Genesis, i.e., "In the beginning God." The literal Hebrew of this quotation is "Barashith bara Elohim," which if translated literally would read, "The Gods created in the beginning." Thus we see that Elohim is a plural term, which associates with God the Father, of Jehovah, Christ the Son of God and the Holy Ghost. And we find them all associated together in this 1st chapter of Genesis. This term Elohim, is used thirty times in this first chapter of Genesis in the story of Creation, and in each instance it is a plural term, applied to a unity of three personages associated together as Elohim or the God-head. As proof of this we now call attention to Genesis 1:26, which reads as follows: "And God (Elohim) said, let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**, and let them have dominion . . .", etc. Thus there is no interpretation of this passage that would be logical, if we refuse to acknowledge this interpretation of Elohim. And as further evidence of this truth we cite you to several other plural terms used in this same chapter. We note that the last syllable of this name Elohim, is -im- or -eem-. In the 6th verse of this chapter we find this phrase, "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of **the waters.**" The Hebrew of "the waters" is Ha-ma-im. Plural term. In the same verse we note the phrase, "and let it divide the **waters** from the **waters,**" the Hebrew being "ma-eem and ha-ma-eem." And the 8th verse, the literal English would be, "And God 'Elohim' called the expanse (firmament) heavens," the Hebrew word for heavens being "Shaw-ma-eem."

Therefore, this Church of Christ, having been restored in these last days, that the true gospel of Jesus Christ, and knowledge of God His Father, might be disseminated among the children of men, have affirmed in its articles of Faith and Practice, this statement:

"We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of All; without respect of persons.—Article 1.

For a more exhaustive study of this question, we would refer you to a pamphlet entitled, "In The Beginning God", published by the author of this article in Jerusalem, while he was a missionary in that area

for the Church of Christ. Because of the confusion in the minds of many resulting from the translation of the Scriptures from its original tongues of Hebrew and Greek into English, many have stumbled and erred in the belief that God the Eternal Father, and Jesus Christ, His Only Begotten Son, are the same identical person, —God because He was the Supreme Creator, and Christ because He was made flesh and dwelt among men. This doctrine is not supported by the preponderance of evidence in the word of God as we shall point out.

In the first place the Supreme Being, whom we worship as God, and whom the Jews worship as Jehovah, is the Father of us all, and so holy is this name Jehovah to the Jews, that it is the incommunicable name of the God of Israel, as the result of this passage found in Exodus 6:2-3:

"And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him ***I am the Lord:** And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of ****God Almighty,** but by **my name ***Jehovah** was I not known among them."
(Asterisks mine CLW)

Note: *I am the Lord, literally translated from Hebrew should have been Jehovah, the existing one. In the Pentateuch and Hafterahs by Rabbi Hertz this is given as ADONAY which is incorrect as ADONAY means Lords (plural), while ADON is Lord. But ADONAY is not used here in the Hebrew, rather it is JEHOVAH.

**In the Hebrew text this name is given as El Shaddai, or literally God Almighty.

***By my name Jehovah, literally from Hebrew JEHOVAH, the existing one.

—References from Gesenius.

Therefore, when we refer to God the Father, in the singular sense, we refer to one who begets, brings forth or gives birth to, such as would be the case of an earthly parent, creator, inventor, etc., so God, the Father, and Christ the Son, could not be one person, for a son is one who is begotten, or one that is the progeny of a father.

The apostle Paul was well aware of the true identity of God, for when he was in Athens, he saw the whole city given over to the worship of idols, and did not hesitate to speak out against them. As the result he found himself in conflict with the philosophers of the Epicurians and Stoics:

"And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing). Then

Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD, Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation: That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move and have our being: as certain also of your poets have said, For we are his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God-head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's devise. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man (Christ, CLW) whom he hath ordained, wherefore he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." —Acts 17:16-31.

Another author, though not of the Scriptures, but nevertheless inspired, wrote these lines:

The most real fact in the universe is God, the whole creation bears witness of His presence. The sunlight floods the earth, the glories of the firmament, night and day, winter and spring, all declare that the Creator is everywhere in His world. The rose that was blooming one morning in my garden, with colors more delicate than the brush of Turner could paint, told me that the great Artist was there. The laughter of little children, the love of friends, the upward march of the races of men proclaim that God is about us and within us richly imparting His grace. The unsatisfied aspiration of the heart, its pains, its joy, its penitence, its thoughts too deep for words tell us how near God is. —Leaves of Gold, edited by Clyde Francis Lytle.

For that reason, we thus witness to all mankind, both Jew and Gentile, that God, the Eternal Father, is the same yesterday, today and forever; that He is a jealous God, requiring obedience from all those whom He has created and placed here upon earth.

to have dominion over His works; therefore, we call upon all mankind to forsake their idolatry whether it be the worship of wealth, sex, sticks or stones, or images made of silver or gold, for He, Jehovah, God Almighty, the Lord God, who is the Most High, is the only true God, whom we, who are made in His image and likeness are to worship.

Some Questions and Answers Concerning God.

1. Question: What evidence do you find that there is a God, or Supreme Being?

Answer: In everything we see in this world around us, either in the heavens or the earth, we find the evidence of His being and presence, as the Psalmist has said:

"The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech or language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: there is nothing hid from the heat of it. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." —Psalms 19:1-9.

And another has said so aptly:

"The mountains are God's thoughts piled up. The ocean is God's thoughts spread out. The flowers are God's thoughts in bloom. The dew drops are God's thoughts in pearls." —Sam Jones, Leaves of Gold.

Still another author, a scientist takes this view:

"I could prove God statistically. Take the human body alone—the chance that all of its functions would just happen is a statistical monstrosity." —Dr. George Gallup, Reader's Digest.

These evidences of our God inspire us to exclaim in the words of the poet:

"Oh! Lord our God, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art!" (See also Isaiah 40:18-26, and Alma 16:54-55).

2. Question: Where is the habitation of God?

Answer: It is in heaven. Scriptural proof, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: **for God is in heaven**, and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few." —Eccl. 5:2.

In the Book of Mormon it says, "The **heavens is a place where God dwells**, and his holy angels." —Alma 12:108.

3. Question: Has anyone ever seen God?

Answer: Yes, and they have talked with Him. He talked with Adam, Genesis 3:27; With Cain and Abel, Genesis 4:4-9; With Abraham, Genesis 17:1-6; With Jacob, Genesis 32:20-23; With Moses, Exodus 3:4-6; With the brother of Jared, Ether 1:69-76.

4. Question: Can God move from place to place?

Answer: Yes. The Lord **came down** upon Mount Sinai, Exodus 19:20: He **came down** in the pillar of the cloud, Numbers 12:5: the Lord **came down** and talked with the brother of Jared, and He was in a cloud, and the brother of Jared saw Him not. Book of Ether 1:25: He **came forth** from out of His place, and will **come down**, and **tread upon** the high places of the earth, Micah 1:3: God **came down** from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Hab. 3:3.

5. Question: Is God a person?

Answer: Yes, Christ was made in the **express image of His person**. Hebr. 1:3.

6. Question: Does God have shape and form?

Answer: Yes, We are made in **His Image and likeness**, Genesis 1:26: Christ said of God, His Father, "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." John 5:37; Again Paul exhorts, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **Who being in the form of God**, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross." Phillippians 2:5-8.

7. Question: Does God have parts?

Answer: Yes, Moses was permitted to see His **back parts**, —Exodus 33:21-23. The brother of Jared said, "I saw the **finger** of the Lord, and I feared lest he should smite me; for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood." —Ether 1:71.

8. Question: Does God have a face?

Answer: Yes, Jacob testified that he had "seen God **face to face**." Genesis 32:11: "The Lord spoke to Moses **face to face**, as a man speaketh to his friend." Exodus 33:11.

9. Question: Does God have eyes that He can see?

Answer: Yes, "for **the eyes** of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." 2 Chronicles 16:9: "For **his eyes** are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings." Job 34:21: "For the ways of man

are before the **eyes** of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings." Job 5:21: "**The eyes** of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good," Job 15:3: "Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the **eyes** of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength." 1 Nephi 6:35.

10. Question: Does the Lord have ears?

Answer: Yes, "In **mine ears**, saith the Lord of hosts, of a truth many houses shall be desolate, and great and fair cities without habitation," 2 Nephi 8:79. "Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh, for ye have wept in the **ears** of the Lord . . ." Numbers 11:18. "Lord, bow down **thine ear**, and hear: open, Lord thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib," 2 Kings 19:16.

11. Question: Does God have a mouth?

Answer: Yes, "For he executeth all his words, and they have gone forth out of his **mouth**, and his law must be fulfilled." 2 Nephi 6:41. "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree: and none shall make them afraid: for the **mouth** of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Micah 4:4.

12. Question: Does God have hands and fingers as we do?

Answer: Yes, for after Christ had made an atonement for the sins of the world, He sat "down on the right **hand** of God," Hebrews 10:12. So if He had a right hand He also would have a left hand as we do, for we are made in His likeness and image. "The Lord hath sworn by **His right hand**, and by the **arm** of his strength," . . . Isaiah 62:8. "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tablets of stone, written with the **finger** of God," Exodus 31:18. "And the Lord saw that the brother of Jared had fallen to the earth; and the Lord said unto him, Arise, why hast thou fallen? And he said unto the Lord, **I saw the finger** of the Lord, and I feared lest he should smite me, for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood." Ether 1:70-71.

13. Question: Does God have feet that He can walk like a man?

Answer: Yes, "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his **feet** as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness," Exodus 24:9-10.

14. Question: What are some of the Attributes of God?

Answer: They are many, for He is Eternal, Psalms 90:2; He is unchangeable, James 1:17; He is no respecter of persons, Acts 10:34; He is an impartial God, Acts 10:34-35; God is love, 1 John 4:8-16; He is merciful and filled with compassion, Daniel 9:9; He is a God of Miracles, 2 Nephi 11:145, etc.

"Life and religion are one, or neither is anything." —George McDonald

"He who does not found his life on religion is a lost man." —Emperor William of Germany

"The only two great environments of the human soul are work for humanity and faith in God." —Francis E. Willard

"Man cannot live all to this world if he would. If not religious, he will be superstitious. If he worships not the true God, he will have his idols." —Lord Burleigh

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For these reasons we worship Him, and praise Him all the days of our life, for He is a great God, the Most High God, our Father. Amen.

ANOTHER PROOF AS TO THE VERACITY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

A. M. Janicke

The church of the East accepts the Apocrypha as sacred literature although it is not used as much as the Old and New Testament.

It is surprising to find that there is definite proof as to the veracity of the Book of Mormon in the Apocrypha. If you have a copy of the Apocrypha, please refer to II Esdras 7:28-31:

"For my son Jesus shall be revealed with those that be with him, and they that remain shall rejoice within four hundred years. After these years shall my son Christ die, and all men that have life. And the world shall be turned into the old silence seven days, like as in the former judgments: so that no man shall remain. And after seven days the world that yet awaketh not, shall be raised up, and that shall die that is corrupt."

In this connection, Christ died around 33 AD. Adding 400 years thereto, we come to 433 AD. The Book of Mormon ended around 421 AD, well within the 400 year period mentioned.

The Apocrypha, as will be noted, states that after these years true knowledge of Christ and His true followers would be dead. Then in verse 30, it is stated that the world would remain in this mute condition for an indefinite period noted as "seven days", seven denoting a time of completion.

This could be the period previous to the revelation of the Book of Mormon by the seer Joseph Smith, Jr. Verse 31 goes on to state that after this indefinitely defined period, the world would yet awake not, but judgment would be eminent.

Thus we have another proof in favor of the Book of Mormon from ancient writings.

PATIENCE

Al Voorhies (priest)

What I'd like to bring out today is patience. I am preaching this to myself as well as to you. Lack of patience is one of my shortcomings. But it is a commandment of God. James 5:7-8 has this to say about patience:

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Patience plays a good part in the Christian's life. We are told to "be patient in all things." The same is to be temperate in all things.

The first few chapters of Job give us a very good illustration of the patience of a man. It tells the story of a man, rich in worldly goods and rich in spiritual goods also. Job was a very rich man. He also had sons and daughters and in every good thing he prayed for them and sanctified them because they might have done error, unknowingly. He prayed that their sins would be forgiven them. Then there came a day when Satan and God met. They talked about this rich man, Job, who had so many sheep, oxen, camels, she asses, and other possessions. God asked Satan if he had ever considered his servant, Job, to be an upright man, a man that feared God and eschewed evil. Satan said that if God would take away all that Job had that he would curse God and die. So God turned over to Satan everything that Job had but didn't allow him to touch Job. And one day the Chaldeans came and took all the camels Job had; fire came and burned all his sheep, and all of his servants were slain except one who was left to tell the story.

Finally, while Job's sons and daughters were feasting, a wind came to all the four corners of the house and they perished. Again, only one was left to tell the story. Everything that Job had was wiped out—his earthly possessions and his children. Everything was gone. Could we bear up under a thing of that kind? What did Job do? Let's read it and see:

"Then Job arose and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:20-22.

Sometimes we do not always see the reason that hardships come to us—if some of our worldly goods, or loved ones are taken away. We can't see why God would do these things to us. It is done for a purpose, I think, friends. I think it is done to test our faith—to

see if we have patience. He didn't do all this to Job because he disliked Job. It was done to show that Job had patience. Job still would love God and do as He said.

Now was that the end of Job's temptation? The trying of his faith? No, we find that God and Satan met again.

Again God asked Satan if he had observed His servant, Job, as an upright man that eschewed all evil. Satan answered and said that if God would place his hand upon Job that he would curse God and die. Again God turned Job over to Satan, and he ran and put his hands on him and said to do anything else he wanted to him, but to spare his life. Job's temptation and afflictions went on further. He became covered with boils from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. He dressed in sackcloth and ashes for fear he had sinned and come short of the glory of God. And at last Job's patience finally ran out.

Have we come up with that much trouble and sorrow, and still held our integrity with God? Would our patience have held out?

There is one thing that each individual here must decide for himself. Is our faith great enough in God to give us patience in the face of trial? Is it strong enough to withstand the evils that might come upon us? God tempts no man, nor brings sickness upon no man. He might allow Satan to do it. He might allow us to be sick, to be afflicted, to have troubles and losses, but through it all we need to be patient.

The spider is an example of patience and perseverance. Did you ever watch a spider spinning his web? He tries and tries again, sways to a branch, tries to attach himself to it, but falls back, again and again. Does the spider give up and go to another place to build a web? No, he picks up the web that broke and he spins some more. He had the patience to go ahead with that one, and finally succeeds.

Many times I have watched bugs or flies, as they try to climb up a wall or post. They sometimes get up about halfway and then fall back down, sometimes trying a dozen times before they reach the top of that wall or post.

How we do when we fall back? Do we get up and try again? Do insects have more patience to try and try again than we do? They shouldn't have. Too often we lose our patience over small things—minor things that don't amount to anything. We don't take time to think before we lose patience. Sometimes we want things to happen right away. We can't wait, with patience, for them to happen in due course. We would not lose our patience so often if we took time to think things over. If we took a good look, we'd see how foolish it is to lose our patience over little things.

The apostle Paul had this to say about patience:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures

might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."
—Romans 15:4-5.

Isaiah, one of the great Bible prophets, saw the coming of Christ hundreds of years before He came, and he saw that He would bear with patience His afflictions.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."—Isaiah 53:7.

In due time this event actually took place, and we find in Acts the 8th Chap., 32nd verse, Esaias reading about it to Phillip.

"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was lead as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so he opened not his mouth:"

In Matthew, we find another testimony that the prophecy of Isaiah about Christ's patience was fulfilled.

"Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly."—Matt. 27:13-14.

Christ didn't answer a word to the governor. He just sat and listened. He didn't deny it. He didn't confirm it.

Oh, if we could only have half the patience that our Christ had! If we could only endure half as much as Christ endured!

I'd like to refer you to the Lamentations of Jeremiah. He is lamenting on the things he could have done and the things he should have done.

"The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:24-26.

To wait, and to wait quietly requires patience. The 27th verse of the above chapter says:

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

We all want to be happy. The only true way to happiness is through serving God. We don't have to seek happiness in itself. It will come to us, IF we first seek God and His righteousness. Then all the things

we need will be added unto us. Being a Christian doesn't mean that we can't smile; that we can't have clean fun; that we can't laugh or play. Here is a little poem on happiness:

"Recipe for Happiness: Take two heaping cups of Patience, Two handfuls of generosity, a dash of laughter, One headful of understanding; Sprinkle generously with kindness; Add plenty of Faith and mix well. Spread over a period of a lifetime, And serve everybody you meet."—Anon.

Heaven will be a happy place. There will be no sadness there. So why not get used to it here on earth? Why not have a little pleasure and happiness as we go along?

Learning to exercise patience will add much to our own happiness and the happiness of others around us.
—Hand of Fellowship

TAKE A LESSON FROM LIFE

Harleigh M. Rosenberger

The Problem

Two psychiatrists rode the same elevator each day to their respective offices. One was tall, one was short. The tall one rode to his office on the tenth floor, the short one always got off at the fifth floor.

The elevator boy noticed a rather bewildering procedure. For, each day the shorter of the two would spit on the taller. And, each day the taller of the two merely smiled and said nothing, as he continued on toward his destination.

One day the elevator boy could stand it no longer. He blurted out, when the shorter fellow had gotten off at the fifth floor, "Why do you let him spit on you? Why don't you do something about it?"

The taller man quietly replied, "Sir, that is his problem, not mine."

There is a real lesson in that simple, somewhat humorous story. The real problem lay in the life of the one who did the spitting, not the one who was spat upon. And our pity should be directed at the smaller of the two men, for he was not only small of stature but small of spirit. The poison of hatred was eating deep into this soul. He would pay the price.

Perhaps this simple insight helps us to understand the other person better. And to love him more, despite the fit of anger or the burst of temper. Instead of our becoming angry in return, we might recall the proverb of a soft answer turning away wrath. Our anger, instead changes to sympathy.

—Sunshine Magazine

If I supply you a thought, you may remember it, and you may not. But if I can make you think a thought for yourself, I have indeed added to your stature.—Elbert Hubbard.

Fedglings

We solicit contributions for this column from the youth of our church.

I LOVE MY FATHER, THE LORD

My Father is always watching over me. He listens to me when I pray. He helps me when I am in the wrong. I know He loves me and I do trust Him.

Gregg Kelley

WHY MUSIC?

Diana Patterson

Most people know what music is and have had some contact with it in their everyday lives. But, how many know what music is good for? It cannot help us build a skyscraper or launch a rocket ship. Even so, it does have value in our modern world.

Today's complex world makes it especially necessary for people to find some release from tension, a means of escape into an elated atmosphere. Music is the solution! Children are a good example of this therapy in action. Unless there is something physically or mentally wrong, a child will always sing. Even a baby sings or coos before it knows what music is.

One cannot sing or listen to music without absorbing its mood. When you concentrate on a song's melody or lyrics you forget about yourself.

Music also is a means of physical therapy, for you must breathe, stand or sit properly in order to sing effectively. Therapy is not the only thing music is good for.

Music and song are a means of communication between each other and God.

"Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, . . ."—Isaiah 43:10.

The joy a song expresses can be understood by all no matter what language one speaks. Music has been called "the universal language." The most important communication of all is with God. So, as we must pray with respect, so must we sing our hymns with respect. We should sing with a feeling of love and devotion. A church must sing together, as well as pray together.

"O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Psalms 95:1-3.

Music may not build a skyscraper but it is a plan for man's enjoyment of life. It cannot launch a rocket ship, but it can send joy and love from one to another and send our love and prayers to God.

UNCONQUERED WORLDS

W. Waldemar W. Argow

"And Alexander sat down and wept for new worlds to conquer." What an epitome of life this is! We are driven by an inner necessity to find a larger world in which to fulfill our selfhoods. But alas, how stupid our methods are!

All about us lie unconquered worlds, and we see them not. Infinite possibilities call to us on every hand—a flower pinned in a garden wall, a star studded in the jeweled crown of night, a child's wistful question, a human tear filled with joy or pathos, a singing poem, a baby's winsome face, the thrill of a symphony, a shout of ecstasy, a far-flung ambition. Who has sounded the depths, measured the circumference, or scaled the heights of those worlds which lie about us?

If we could but see that life is a perpetual challenge to our daring, we would indeed learn that its appeal to the vision within is none other than the voice of the divine calling us to leave the understood in search of the baffling, to forsake the discovered in exchange for the potential.

—Cheer

CHOICE BITS

Be not disturbed at being misunderstood; be disturbed at not understanding.—Chinese Proverb.

Don't be too eager for rapid progress. The only progress certain to be rapid is progress downhill.

Hard work is just the sum total of the easy things you didn't do when you should have.

It is more important to watch how a man lives than to listen to what he says.

Let not the mistakes of yesterday nor the fears of tomorrow spoil today.—Carl E. Knop.

GORDON COOPER'S PRAYER

As the world now knows, Gordon Cooper composed a prayer while rocketing in orbit around the world. Here's his prayer, as recorded while in orbit and as reported to Congress:

"Father, thank You, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created.

"Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering.

"Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy can compete, and still be able to do things in a big way, and be able to do research development, and conduct many scientific and very technical programs.

"Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be OK.

"We ask in Thy name. Amen."

NEWS ITEMS

Joseph E. Carney and wife, Alice, of Creve Coeur, Mo., have become the parents of a fine baby boy, born April 28, 1965. He is named Joseph Glen.

Harold and Donna Gill of Independence, Mo., became the parents of a darling baby girl born June 7, 1965. Her name is Tamara Lee.

Harvey E. Seibel and wife, Irene, have also become the parents of a darling baby girl, Irene Elizabeth, born May 15, 1965, at Overland, Mo.

Glenn and Margaret Gill were blessed with another baby boy, Steven Eric, born March 22, 1965, at Harrisonville, Mo. Little Steven Eric was blessed April 18, 1965, Easter Sunday, at Independence, Mo., by his grandfather Elder Vance Harris and assisted by Elder Nicholas Denham.

YOUNG HELPERS

The Temple Lot Local of the Church of Christ held its annual Vacation Church School through the week of June 7. Several of the young people of the church were willing and able helpers.

Becky Maley was the teacher of handcraft for the intermediate girls class, assisting her aunt, Katy Moyer, who taught their lesson, "Principles of the Gospel."

Dorothy Ann Denham assisted Gerry Adams with the cradle roll. This is an important class because these small minds are very receptive to the teachings that are given to them. Most of their work was handcraft and stories with a gospel background.

The singing was directed by Kay Matthews, who was ably assisted by her daughter, Nola Kay. These two also worked together on the program which was presented by the Church School on Sunday night, June 13. Nola Kay helped on the playground during the recess period, by providing games for the youngsters to play.

Another playground helper was Donnie Case. He provided activities for the older boys, such as volleyball, baseball, etc. Donnie also helped the superintendent, Irene Case, as a general handy man.

It is wonderful to know that these young people are willing to help in the work of the church. Although their work may be small, every little bit helps to relieve the load on someone else. Many hands make a big job small.

A young college student had this motto on his desk: "I am third." It was enclosed in a beautiful frame. "What does the motto mean?" asked a friend one day. "It's a philosophy I try to follow," the student explained. "When I left home, Mother gave me this little frame. 'My son', she said, 'always remember that God is first; others are second and you are third.'"

Wouter Van Garrett
The Ava Marie

SENATE CHAPLAIN SCORES REDS, DUPES

For two decades, British-born Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, has been a source of strength, courage and comfort for the members of the United States Senate. He has shared their daily problems and has sought to provide the spiritual guidance essential in running a nation. He is also outspoken in his denunciation of communism and of its manipulation of religious leaders and minorities.

"Concerning the right to vote in our land, this is a time of seething emotion bordering on hysteria. In some demonstrations, dunce caps and martyr halos are strangely mixed," the Senate Chaplain observed.

"In such a time it needs to be said, especially to the churchmen who are so aroused, that in facing squarely domestic adjustments to meet the tests of true government by the people, the unpardonable sin is for Americans out of zeal to redress any national flaws, to allow themselves, unknowingly, to be used by a sinister world conspiracy against human dignity." Thus Dr. Harris brought out into the open a sin which too many refuse to recognize: the unpardonable sin of allowing themselves, unknowingly to be used by a sinister world conspiracy against human dignity.

Concerning communism, the Senate chaplain said, "This blasphemous system is engaged in a lying world campaign to utterly distort the true image of this nation . . . The hate America propaganda, whose poison is being blown around the planet, is born of communism's fear complex that the U. S. A., with its material and moral might, is the one and only power than can thunder to this scourge of fetters—"You shall not pass."

"Never in history has there been such a colossal campaign to peddle lies about any country. Lenin's directions are now in full operation that any distortion or prevarication is permissible if it advances the cause he fathered."

As an example of the communist campaign to discredit our country, Dr. Harris reminded that the communists constantly charged that the one-tenth of our population belonging to the Negro race are treated with contempt; that they are denied all opportunities for advancement; and that, despite the Emancipation Proclamation, they are held in virtual subjection.

He related how some American Negroes, members of Joey Adams' entertainment group touring the world, nailed down that lie at a public question and answer period in a foreign country. After being taunted by communist stooges about the status of their race in America, one of the quartet answered:

"Listen, Pals, outside of heaven, there is only one place I want to be—and that's the U. S. A.!"

"Sure, we got problems, but we've got laws, and we've got courts and we've got millions of Americans of all races and creeds and all colors, who are willing to lay down their lives to make possible the freedom of a man called Abraham Lincoln. We've got it made in our country."

"This black man," explained Dr. Harris, "was exposing the fiction of the communistic line. . . ."

"Let no one in America, now deeply concerned about voting rights for some groups belonging to one-tenth of our population be so naive as to be oblivious to the ugly fact that the communistic conspiracy which is out to deny the sacred rights of the vote for everybody, is using the present agitation in America to advance their own evil cause. . . ."

"The question we are raising here, with no condemnation for religious leaders who are marching today in a cause that grips their conscience, is: Have these same leaders any vivid realization of what is in store for all Americans if the world objectives of that blasphemous godless system are attained?"

"And, make no mistake about it, it is so far on its way as to blanch our faces with fear."

". . . With this Damascus sword over the fragile threat of our liberties, are these same religious leaders so vociferous now as they deal with growing pains of a democracy, equally vocal as they face the most dastardly system the ages have known?"

He answered the question, long evaded and feared by too many. "It is a tragic fact, that the answer to that question must be 'no'! Among those who are assuming national and world leadership among the churches, it must be admitted that so far as communism is concerned, there is, to use a scriptural phrase, 'A silence that could be heard in Heaven.'"

If these leaders, so loud and vehement in their dealings with expanding democracy, have not shown the same attention toward combatting communism, what, then has been their response to what Dr. Harris aptly described as the "most dastardly system the ages have known"?

Again, he answered the question by quoting one of these leaders as saying, "Let us quit moralizing about communism and to communism." Dr. Harris explained that this church leader's word for that conspiracy (and this is shared by many of his colleagues) is accommodation, coexistence, cooperation.

"We are speaking of Protestant leadership," stated the chaplain. "Thank God the Roman Catholics are arrayed against religion's most malignant foe." Dr. Harris is a Methodist.

Dr. Harris, who not only prays meaningfully and eloquently in the Senate chamber but also carries out his thoughts in the way he lives, is deeply concerned over the lack of information about the communist conspiracy. He is equally troubled about the apparent apathy of many to this insidious penetration into our way of life. He expressed his anxiety in these words:

"Would to God that in every church in America the perils of this godless force were being poured into the minds of the young—and of the older. Would that every church, as its bounden duty, would have its entire membership familiar with every chapter of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's **Masters of Deceit**."

Masters of Deceit, is the book which **The New York**

Times has described as "indispensable . . . the most authoritative book ever written on communism in America," a book which the **Christian Herald** has called "the most important—indeed the most imperative—book of the decade." Mr. Hoover wrote this book, because, as he explained, "Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world."

The book warns of the clear and present danger to our way of life, revealing the activities of communist bosses to bring America to its knees. It also reveals the operation of the gigantic, powerful communist network.

Of the book, Dr. Harris said there could be no more effective antidote to the tragically mistaken attitude of some church leaders. He describes these religious leaders as encouraging the coming generation to stroke the ferocious leopard (which has not changed its spots) and to murmur, "pretty kitty."

More than five years ago, Dr. Harris said communism is "a sinister system whose fitting symbol, as it hovers over the earth's misery, is a vulture." He said that the one force it most hates and fears is the United States of America. "To accomplish its avowed worldwide goals, atheistic communism knows that the bulwark of freedom which Lincoln called 'humanity's last best hope' must ultimately be destroyed."

And how does communism expect to accomplish its goals? The Senate chaplain explained years ago that the plan of this diabolical conspiracy is to infiltrate our liberties, and strip us of our God-given dignity. Certainly in the past five years the world has witnessed the tremendous progress made by totalitarianism.

Those who are aware that communism is winning in most of the world wonder why there are so many willing to add their names to those of known Judas Americans; and why more aren't listening to the warnings of the pro-Freedom voices so hated by the communist conspiracy.

It's either freedom or slavery. There can never be any compromise with communism, whose victory would bring back the Dark Ages. One of these systems is going down. The world cannot remain half-slave and half-free.

In conclusion, Dr. Harris stated, "It is high time for religious people of every name or sign to raise the question in this time of dire crisis, 'WHO SPEAKS FOR THE CHURCH?'"

If we are unwilling to speak, we must pay the penalty of having those who do not reflect our thinking to speak for us.

—Life Lines

A good leader takes a little more than his share of blame; a little less than his share of credit.

The bad thing about a little sin is that it won't stay little very long.

THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE

Harold Helfer

(It may not seem important right now, but something you do today may come back in later years to bless you—or haunt you. This little story of a great man who had returned to his childhood home may remind you of a similar experience.)

I suppose it seems a little silly to write anything more about Carter Wilson and his visit to his old home town after, lo, these many years. I know it's been amply covered by the press, with scads of pictures, interviews, proclamations, and all that. I'm just jotting this little something down so that when the big definitive biography of the auto magnate is written the incident may be given some place. I think it's worth an insertion somewhere, even if just a passing line.

I'd like to say right away this isn't an expose of any kind. So far as I know, everything was just as the papers reported. There's no doubt this was a big day in the history of Wellsville; probably, it seems reasonable to assume, far and away its very biggest—it isn't often that such a small town has such a big man, such a truly big man, that it can claim as its own.

And everything was just like the journals said it was—everyone in town did turn out for the big outdoor reception for Carter Wilson. It was the biggest crowd our stadium has ever had. And it's also a bona fide fact, just as reported, that Carter Wilson put up the \$500,000 for the town's new library. He actually put up every cent of what was needed for the new building, no strings attached to the gift.

There was even something to the angle that cropped up in print that he'd left town under some sort of cloud thirty years before, all of which made everything that much more dramatic, of course. What happened, it seems, was that, having made up his mind to leave town and seek his fortune elsewhere, and having no money to carry out his plan, he'd picked a pocket at the railway station where he'd been hanging around. It seems a warrant actually had been issued against him by the town constable, but he'd vanished by then. For some reason the matter was dropped and most people forgot about the incident.

Anyway, it all now seemed to make the occasion of his return all the more triumphant and glorious, a real Horatio Alger story, a local boy who made good in every sense of the word. And, what is more, he looked the part of a conquering hero, too, a big man physically, broadshouldered, with steel-gray eyes used to making tough decisions and sticking to them; clearly, a man of flint-rock determination when the chips were down, someone to be reckoned with.

Well, it really was a big day. As was reported, not only was the Governor of the state on hand for the occasion, but a Senator, several Congressmen, and a number of big wheels from the business world had come for the big celebration honoring Carter Wilson.

There's really nothing much I can add to any of this. My only contribution is about something that happened after it was all over, and Carter Wilson got into his chauffeured limousine and headed back for the great industrial empire he controlled.

Well, he didn't go straight back. He stopped at a place on the outskirts of town—a farm. If you wonder how I could happen to know this, the explanation is quite simple. It was my farmhouse door he knocked on.

Naturally, as you might suspect, I was quite taken aback. "My name—I'm Carter Wilson," he stated.

I murmured something or other, no doubt trying not to sound too bewildered and flabbergasted.

"I'd like to ask a favor, if I may," he said.

"A favor?" I stood and stared at this man who held sway over thousands of people and millions of dollars.

"Yes. That old quarry pond on your property. When I was a boy, well, that was my old swimming hole. I was just wondering if I might take another swim in it."

Dumfounded as I was, I just nodded my head. I guess the whole thing will always seem a little fantastic, this great and important man actually going down to the old abandoned quarry, taking off his suit and then jumping in and swimming about in that muddy old water!

He must have stayed in there five minutes or so, maybe even a little longer. Then he came back to the house. He wanted to thank me.

I suppose, having gone this far, I might as well include the rest. He not only took my hand but there was something in his—a hundred dollar bill—no less. He was most gracious about it. "Please accept this as a token of my appreciation," he said. "I—well, I did enjoy the dip in the old swimming hole, and all the memories that went with it, very much."

When I declined to take the money, he said, "Please, I did enjoy the swim—and the old surrounding—so very much. I'd like for you have this bill. I owe you so much. Please take it."

Like any farmer these days, I suppose I could have used this money all right. But I wouldn't take it. He finally said, "Well, I do thank you, I thank you very much," and he gave me a pat on the shoulder, got into his limousine and departed.

I don't know why I didn't accept the money. After all, I was entitled to it, as you might say. It so happens that it had been my pocket he'd picked that day at the station. But I suppose what kept me from taking the money, as much as anything, was something about the way this great and important man looked when he was telling me about how much he enjoyed going back to the old swimming hole, and saying how much he owed me. It was the tears in his eyes that really got me.

—The Safe-Way

THE BOOK OF MORMON STORY

The following was prepared by Srs. Angela Wheaton, Mrs. Kay Matthews, and Nola Matthews and presented as the program at the close of the "Church School" at the Temple Lot local of the Church of Christ. During the narration a pageant was being performed. The different scenes were of Lehi leaving Jerusalem, Creation story, Brass ball, Nephi builds ship, Journey to Promised Land, Nephi makes plates of ore, King Benjamin speaks & gives records to Mosiah, Alma, son of Alma converted, Samuel's prophecy, Sign of Christ's birth, Storm when Christ died, Christ's appearance to the multitude, Baptism, Choosing of twelve, Healing sick, Blessing of Children, Name of Church, & Moroni buries records. There were also several songs whose sentiments were in harmony with the theme. It is here presented so that others might enjoy and perhaps use it as a guide for programs in their own locals.

Children: "Tell us a story, Mama."

"Yes, a story!"

"Please a real, true one."

Mother: "Alright children, there is a wonderful story, a real story I will tell you. First go fetch our Book of Mormon from the shelf and we shall start at the best place of all—the beginning."

Children: "But Mama, what story could our Book of Mormon possibly tell?" "Isn't it just Scripture, that doesn't ever tell real stories?" "Besides, Mama, it doesn't have any pictures at all—not even one single picture!"

Mother: "Oh my, but it is a real story and I'm sure if you listen your mind will draw some pictures for you; because it is a story that, for the greater part, took place in our very own hemisphere, under the very same sky, on this very land and beside our own ocean. The Book of Mormon tells a story about a migration of people from the Tower of Babel across the Atlantic Ocean in ships to this land; and another story about a later migration of people from Jerusalem across the Pacific Ocean to this land. Part of the records in the Book of Mormon they brought with them, such as the plates of brass which told of the creation of the world and Adam and Eve. The rest of the story is from the record made on plates of ore and handed down from generation to generation as Nephi was commanded. It tells of God's dealings with the people here, and how they were taught to believe through faith, repent of their sins and be baptized. It also tells many stories of healing the sick through administration by God's servants. Churches were established throughout the land by men who had received the authority from God just as Moses did in the Bible. Alma and many other servants of God taught about the resurrection and eternal judgment of all men just as the Bible tells us. Divided for so many hundreds of years, without contact between the two hemispheres they each needed their own record or Scriptures. So, today we have the Bible from the

Eastern Hemisphere, and the Book of Mormon from the Western Hemisphere, both teaching the same gospel.

You see, God loves all people the same, so He gave His only son to the **whole** world to bring about the plan of salvation for the benefit of all men everywhere. When we listen ever so carefully, the book draws pictures for our minds to see and remember and think about, too.

Listen now to the story of the Good Shepherd's other sheep who live between the covers of our Book of Mormon.

There lived in Jerusalem a righteous man of the tribe of Joseph whose name was Lehi. He had four sons, Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi. The Lord instructed Lehi to take his family, with food, tents, seeds, and certain records and depart from Jerusalem to a promised land across the sea in order to escape the destruction of Jerusalem which would come shortly, and to raise up a righteous people in this promised land. These records contained the five books of Moses, which gave an account of **the creation of the world**; and also of Adam and Eve who were our first parents.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . and God said, Let there be light . . . and God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night . . . and God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters . . . and God called the firmament Heaven . . . and God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind . . . and God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night . . . He made the stars also . . . and God created the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air, and cattle, and creeping things and beasts of the earth. And God created man in His own image and gave him dominion over every living thing . . . On the seventh day God ended His work and He rested from all His work which He had made."

One morning before they embarked on their voyage, as Lehi arose and went forth to the tent door, to his great astonishment, he beheld upon the ground a round ball of curious workmanship and it was of fine brass. Within the ball, called the Liahona, were two spindles, and one pointed the way they should go, much like a compass.

God commanded Lehi to look upon the ball and behold the things which were written upon it. The pointers within the ball worked according to the faith, diligence and heed which they gave to them. There was also written upon the pointers a new writing which was plain to read and which gave them understanding concerning the ways of the Lord. It was written and changed from time to time according to their faith and diligence. At times the ball pointed out to them where to go to slay wild beasts for food while they traveled in the wilderness.

(Continued next month)

CROSS ROADS

The Young Peoples Christian League in Independence are in their second year of publishing a small paper called the "Cross Roads." It is mailed about once a month.

The paper is being sent to young people throughout the church with the idea of helping them to become better acquainted. If you are not receiving a copy and you have a teen-ager in your household, please send his or her name and address to James A. Hedrick, 103 North 22nd, Blue Springs, Missouri, and we will put them on our mailing list.

We solicit news items, poems or original stories from anyone who would like to write for our paper. News items are particularly wanted because we want to know what you as a teen-ager are doing, and we know others are interested also. We do not have a "Dear Abby" column, but questions will be answered in the **Cross Roads** if you like.

In FRIENDSHIP we find nothing false or insincere; everything is straightforward, and springs from the heart.—Cicero.

PREDICTIONS THAT FELL ON DEAF EARS

(continued from last month)

"Target date for communists to begin their all-out attack for world-domination is set for the last days of 1965." That statement was received by Haan and forwarded to Secretary of State Dean Rusk on December 15, 1962. It stated:

"Soviet Embassy officials and Mao Tse-tung held a conference at Mao's official residence in Peking November 2, 1962. Soviet officials urged Mao and Chou En-lai to revise their strategy and create a climate to ease U. S.-Red China tensions. Soviet officials stressed the need and importance of stock-piling grains, industrial products and machines if the Sino-Soviet alliance is to attain its goal of realistic military readiness by 1965."

The report further stated, "Mao observed it would be advantageous to the alliance to exploit the Western power's thinking that the Sino-Soviet alliance is in danger and will soon break apart."

This, said Haan, was done to lull U.S. suspicions.

The Reds used wheat from their stockpiles during their three-year crash program in industry to produce nuclear weapons. Wheat flour is used to make ethyl alcohol—used to manufacture munitions, including nuclear weapons. During that time Soviet farm production was cut to allow the farmers to work in industry. The purchase of American surplus wheat, Haan says, was a must. Some 31 per cent of Russian food stockpiles vanished in the crash program for nuclear war preparation. As a result, agricultural production suffered.

"The Russians insisted Romania produce mechanical war necessities and promised 400,000 bushels of wheat in exchange. The Reds couldn't deliver it be-

cause of rising demands of other satellites. Part of the American wheat sale to Russia was transferred to Romania to make good the Red pledge," Haan's informants said.

"In July, 1963," Haan went on, "Orville Freeman went to Russia to investigate. His stay of 18 days and looking around farm areas gave rise to his comment on his return that 'food is plentiful and the Russians are not worrying.'" But Haan said, "After signing of the nuclear test ban, Freeman reversed his report and urged the sale of wheat to Russia by the late President."

The information Haan passed on to government agencies rarely reaches the realm of the general public. Haan wonders why. He also wonders how long it will be before Americans will take a stand and demand action on these important matters.

In the meantime, Haan resides in San Jose, California. He is the father of two children; one is an Alameda County Health Department employee, the other is married to a heart research scientist in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The parts of the Korean Underground Report discussed here are now history, with the exception of the setting of a date for communist readiness for the all-out push for world domination.

In view of what has transpired after Haan's warnings, who can completely overlook his more recent contentions?

—from LIFE LINES Newspaper

OBITUARY

Ora May Ramshaw

Ora May, daughter of Sarah and Abraham Leighty, was born Sept. 8, 1871, in Grant County near Platteville, Wisc., and passed away Friday, May 14, 1965.

There she grew to womanhood, and in 1890 was united in marriage to William Jennings Ramshaw. To this union were born four children, three of whom preceded her in death.

Sr. Ramshaw with her family moved to the Lamoni, Iowa, community in 1908 where she resided until her passing.

Ora loved her home and found much happiness and satisfaction in caring for it and her family. She assisted her son Lloyd and his wife, Molly, in their rearing of a foster daughter, Freda Melson.

Ora and her husband, Will, were members of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) with headquarters in Independence, Mo. They transferred into the Church November 1, 1945.

William J. Ramshaw passed away in 1957.

She is survived by one son, Lloyd, and his wife, Molly, who took her into their home and gave her tender loving care the last eight years of her life.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 17, at Stewart's Funeral home in Lamoni, Iowa. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

REUNION NOTICES

MISSOURI

The Missouri Reunion of the Church of Christ will be for three days beginning Friday, July 30th, and continuing through Sunday, August 1st.

There has been a slight change in the location of the Reunion site. It will now be held at Bro. and Sr. Rhondl Shaw's new ranch (the Old Johnson Place). From Preston, Mo. at the Junction of U. S. Highway 65 and 54, drive 6 miles east on U. S. 54 to County Road BB, turn south to the right on BB for 3.7 miles, take the road to the right (west) 1.2 miles, (this road will be marked) to the two red barns, one on each side of the road, and a white house on the right (north) side of the road.

If you are coming from the Eastern part of the state, county road BB is 5.5 miles west on U. S. 54 from the junction of U. S. 54 and State Route 73.

The meeting tent will be located adjacent to the house, which will be used for cooking meals and housing some of the visitors.

It is desirable that family tents and other camping facilities be brought, if possible, due to lack of adequate housing.

Meals will be provided. In the past, the several Missouri local churches have contributed financially; also, individuals. We ask that such donations be made to Harvey E. Seibel, secretary-treasurer of the reunion committee. His home address is 8364 Midland Blvd., Overland 14, Mo., Zip Code 63114.

All are invited who "hunger and thirst after righteousness", and gospel fellowship.

For Reunion Committee
William A. Sheldon

Wisconsin

We wish to announce that the Wisconsin Reunion will be held at the Church, one mile east of Sparta, Wisconsin, on Highway 16, on August 14 and 15.

We ask all who have tents to bring them to help with sleeping accommodations.

Wisconsin Reunion Committee

Tennessee

The Tennessee Reunion will be held on September 4 and 5 at the Puryear local church. You are invited to attend this reunion and help encourage the Lord's work in this area. You will have Labor Day to travel home on if you wish, but services will be arranged for Labor Day also if desired.

For further information write to Bro. Rony Overcast, Puryear, Tennessee.

REUNION DATES

- Missouri—PrestonJuly 30, 31 and Aug. 1
- Wisconsin—SpartaAugust 14 and 15
- Tennessee—PuryearSept. 4 and 5
- Arizona—PhoenixNov. 26, 27 and 28

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