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

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The Potter and The Clay

Vida Filley



Thou art the potter, Lord, and I
The clay within Thy hand
And what Thou doest, I know not why
Nor fully understand.

But as I yield my life to Thee
To shape and to refine
Into a vessel fit to be
A part of Thy design.

I do not ask "What doest Thou?"
I simply trust Thy hand
To guide me in the here and now
Someday I'll understand.

When Thou shalt come to claim Thine own
In that day man shall be
Clearly "known as he is known"
Throughout eternity.

Then shall ALL praise and honor go
To "The Potter" for His plan
The finished vessels then will show
Thy glory forth in man.

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GUEST EDITORIAL . . .

WHAT TESTIMONY?

The turmoil of today's society, especially that of the last five years is exposing some idols men have been clasping to their bosoms. Along with false, humanly devised gods, the great idol Intellectualism is now open to broad mistrust. Being weighed in the balance it is found wanting.

Nurtured and coddled at the breast of our educational systems it has turned monster and is ravishing the world of education and morals; sapping at the foundations of family and home. Apparently the trust placed in the development of the intellectual is poorly spent.

With the fall of the trusted structure some efforts are envisaged to resurrect a workable direction for development and education. What the outcome of such system-surgery will be, can only be hoped.

In the meantime the search for a dependable basis for progress cannot be vacated. With the human desire for answers ever springing, a display of solid, dynamic social and spiritual values is in demand as almost never before.

Do we well to ask, "Where is our witness?" Where is our display? What demonstration is being found based upon the activity of our Church of Christ, Temple Lot?

Is the power of our example being dulled by dabbling, trifling if you please, with the pursuits of the world in an effort to conform with the fad-bent witches dance in which men, like moths against a light, spend themselves and fall forlorn and dead?

Seven score years ago an angel of the Lord brought, in fulfillment of prophecy, truth and the basis of righteous judgment. Our spiritual forbears and we have clutched the message to our bosoms after a fashion, covering it well with temporism and condescensions to that world of error the message came to dispel. Intellectual development we have and superlative display of talent, but where is our testimony? Are we different in a fashion that is effective? We are blest, but do we look like it? Is ours the hallmark of faith? Our faith?

These are important questions and doubtless we can find forceful witness being borne. However, lest we are "at ease in Zion" saying "All is well," it is appropriate that we make some effort to evaluate our example and consider whether or not we truly bear the torch and hold it high to shine with the brilliance it had in the hand of the angel.

Elder Thomas Maley

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:11-12).

ERRATA

The article entitled "The Indian, Who Is He?" was printed in the November issue of the Advocate. The final product, however, revealed that a small portion had somehow been deleted from the original article. It is therefore corrected as follows, beginning with the last lines of the article.

"And the fullness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; for behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God, or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God . . . And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come" (Ether 1:8, 29-32 and 34).

A REQUEST

Bro. D. J. Owen who recently entered the waters of baptism and is now stationed in Vietnam would like for some of the young people of the church to write him. Those desiring to correspond may address their letters to:

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RECESSIONAL

By Rudyard Kipling

God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captain and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice,
An humble and contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—
On dune and headline sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Ninevah and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If drunk with sight of power, we loose—
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boasting as the Gentiles use
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not Thee to guard—
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on thy people, Lord!

Amen.

ENDURING FAITHFUL

Tune—My Redeemer

Come my people, hear my pleading,
Through my Spirit calling thee;
You must be such humble people,
If in faith you follow Me.

Watch your steps and keep tongues bridled;
Satan's near you to deceive;
Trim your lamps and keep them burning
Brightly, that you may believe.

Judgment great is soon a-falling
Upon all, and sad you'll be
If you have neglected my calling;
Leave the world and follow Me.

Many evil spirits' closing
Round, deceiving on all sides;
Makes no dif'rence where you're turning;
None will escape, but he who abides.

I am with you if you're faithful,
Thus, no harm can come to thee;
If you're grateful, this I've promised;
Leaving all to follow Me.

I will put down sinful lyings,
When your faithfulness I see,
Before you lie many tryings;
Fear not, ye who trust in Me.

I'm your true and loving Saviour,
To you all, who try and endure;
And I love you, O, my people,
And my promises are sure.

Chorus:

Be ye faithful, hear my pleading;
I am calling, trust in Me;
I will be your loving Saviour;
Heed my Spirit calling thee.

Cora Bigham

"And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Original Articles are the opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the teachings of the church or the opinions of the editorial staff. Even though some articles may in some cases be interpreted as controversial in nature, we believe that such articles if written in an affirmative manner in which a belief or an opinion is expressed, and evidences presented to support that belief, said articles should be presented to the readers.

A GUIDE TO SCRIPTURAL STUDY

By William E. Frishkorn

Reference from King James,
New Clarified Reference Bible

We are exhorted continually to study the scriptures that we might walk in the light of the gospel.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they that testify of me" (John 5:39). "And now behold I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things . . . diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah" (3 Nephi 10:26-27).

Each of us have a need to study the scriptures and to live them daily. Each of us can add a piece to the puzzle that lies before us. I doubt if there are many who would testify to having a complete knowledge of the scriptures. As the time of the end approaches there may be many things revealed to us. Will we be one who will close our ears to another's interpretation of a passage, considering our own to be better? We need to consider the thoughts of all, both young and old alike. Although there are books written by men outside of the Church of Christ that can be an aid in study, we shouldn't rely so heavily on books written by men. Most will slant their interpretations and confine their perimeters to the areas embracing ancient Israel. We know that God wouldn't let the ancient civilizations that once were prominent in this continent go by unpropheesied. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

If we do all things in prayer and fasting in humility before God, the darkness shall flee and the light shall brighten the path before us. Each of us must labor together in love with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

On a recent visit to the Reorganized church in Spokane I was disheartened by the entire service. I must have been the only person in class with a Bible and Book of Mormon. They were using a book written by the church to direct their thinking! A guideline. During the course of conversation in the class, a question was asked what could be done both in the home and community to set a good example; the examples that might be set in the home to keep the evils from the world from entering. I quietly mentioned removing the television from the home. I was immediately attacked from all sides by retorts of disagreement. When they were finished a person might have easily deduced the television as the most righteous element in our midst. I remained silent to refrain from any contention. I felt

sick at heart however. I nudged my wife and recalled what Jesus said concerning evil in our life, "And if thy right hand offend thee: cut it off, and cast it from thee." Their whole conversation was one of intellectualism. Each was trying to stimulate the conversation with a jest of words. I pray that modernism will never invade the Church of Christ. There was a sore need for the spirit of God in the service we attended. The architecture, the well placed picture, conversationalism and arrangement just couldn't substitute the Spirit of God.

"For it shall come to pass in that day, that the churches which are built up, and not unto the Lord, when the one shall say unto the other, behold, I, I am the Lords; the other shall say, I, I am the Lord's. And thus shall every one say, that hath built up churches, and not unto the Lord" (2 Nephi 12:3, 4).

On the way home we were visiting Sister Lily Shirk and she was telling us the Reorganized church was just as bad in her area. She said if the ministry expected folks to stay awake they would have to preach with the Spirit of God, rather than from a piece of paper.

There are many aids that will help us in studying the prophets. Concordance, dictionary, encyclopedia, etc. A real handy source is a central reference column. These are not included in the Inspired Version. Besides giving cross references for comparison, the reference column gives possible substitutes for various words or groups of words as translated from Hebrew.

At the beginning of the 18th chapter of Isaiah the heading is entitled, "a prophecy concerning Ethiopia." Using this method lets see if it does.

"Woe to the land shadowing with wings," (center column—or, with OUT-STRETCHED wings. Needless to say the Americas resemble such) "which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:" (America is the only possible land lying beyond the Nile and its tributaries, when Isaiah prophesied this from Jerusalem) "That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters," (heard of any envoys to Paris recently?) "saying, Go ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled" (center column—or, widespread and great) "to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto"; (center column—or, impressive in all their history) "a nation meted out and trodden down," (center column — or, whose land is carefully measured and mechanically irrigated) "whose lands the rivers have spoiled!" (center column — or whose land the rivers have ruined;) Here I wish to pause. We are all familiar with the way pollution has offset even the balance of nature, even weather cycles. The poisons and fertilizers poured on crops and orchards are washed into rivers. The waste products from industry and cities are

washed into rivers. Even here in insignificant Columbia Falls the Anaconda Aluminum Reduction Plant belches literal tons of fumes from its 600 pots weekly. It in turn is washed into the Flathead River. From rivers it is pumped back to the land for irrigation. "All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains;" (this of course is the Book of Mormon which came forth prior to the gathering of the dispersed of Judah) "and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye" (where shall the trumpet be blown? "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride out of her closet") (Joel 2: 15, 16). "For the Lord said unto me, I will take my rest," (center column—or, be silent) "and I will consider" (meditate) "in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs" (or, after the rain) "and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest" (sounds like the Lord is to behold a cleansing) "For afore the harvest when the bud is perfect" (bud—or Church of Christ will be perfect, it never has bloomed. For more information see, Time of the End, part 4, August 1962 by Archie Bell) "and the sour grape is ripening in the flower" (the Utah church perhaps? once good but turned sour) "he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches." (unfruitful and iniquitous people in Christ's kingdom?) "They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beast of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them." (The power of God shall destroy the army of God the same way as prescribed in Ezekiel 39:4.) "In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the name of the place of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion." (We of the restoration know that Christ will establish the New Jerusalem on this continent. This differs from theologians who suppose it to be in modern Israel.) To this we'll quote from Ether 6:13. "And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, "There are those who were first, who shall be last; and there are they who were last, who shall be first." There is much more in this chapter that can be brought to light concerning the Indian.

Using this method of study try the 29th chapter of Isaiah. It begins thus; "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt!" The center column gives Ariel as, "the lion of God." It's generally accepted that this means Jerusalem. But is it? Notice the central reference continues, "OF THE city where David dwelt!" Remembering that Nephi and Lehi left Jerusalem. I believe that the whole chapter could pertain to this continent. Substituting Jerusalem for Ariel tends to distort the chapter. But study for yourself with prayer and fasting, with an open heart. Don't trust in my inter-

pretation, prove all things in your own mind. Men are inevitably wrong on one score or another.

We should strive continually to be doers of the word in all respects, praying for one another that we may be steadfast.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (James 1.22-24).

Although there are many guides in aiding our study in the scriptures, the spirit of truth is our greatest testimony. The scriptures are very dear to us, let us study together in love.

And they said unto me, what meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw, that led to the tree? And I said unto them, that it is the word of God; and whoso would hearken unto the word of God, and would hold fast to it, they would never perish. (1 Nephi 4:38, 39)

(continued from November issue)

PAGE 80—Message of service was brought to earth eons ago by Christ and other religious leaders. Others were perfect besides Christ.

REBUTTAL—How long is "eons" ago? Webster's Dictionary says of "eon" that it is "any of the grand divisions of geological time." But Jesus came to the earth a mere 2,000 year ago which could hardly constitute even one eon of time let alone eons (plural) of time. If other religious leaders include Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Alma, Ammon, etc., well and good but if they also include Mohammed, Buddha, etc., as this book later implies then it is false because the message is not the same.

"For Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). But more than that he came to redeem us from the fall. "Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, I will declare unto you my doctrine. And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; And I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me, and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me; And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they who shall inherit the kingdom of God. And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized shall be damned. Verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my doctrine and I bear record of it from the Father; and whoso believeth in me, believeth in the Father also" (3 Nephi 5:32-36). "And again I say unto you, Ye must repent, and be baptized in my name, and become as a little child, or ye can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God. Verily, verily I say unto you, that THIS IS MY DOCTRINE; and whoso buildeth upon this, buildeth upon my rock; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them. And whoso shall

declare more or less than this, and establish it for my doctrine, the same cometh of evil, and is not built upon my rock, but he buildeth upon a sandy foundation, and the gates of hell standeth open to receive such, when the floods come, and the winds beat upon them" (3 Nephi 5:40-42).

"For verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (3 Nephi 5:68). "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets" (3 Nephi 6:24). "Behold I have given unto you my gospel, and this is the gospel which I have given unto you, that I came into the world to do the will of my Father, because my Father sent me; **AND MY FATHER SENT ME THAT I MIGHT BE LIFTED UP UPON THE CROSS;** and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, I might draw all men unto me: That as I have been lifted up by men, even so should men be lifted up by the Father, to stand before me, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil; And for this cause have I been lifted up; therefore, according to power of the Father, I will draw all men unto me, that they may be judged according to their works. And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name, shall be filled; and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father, at that day when I shall stand to judge the world. And he that endureth not unto the end, the same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire, from whence they can no more return, because of the justice of the Father: **and this is the word which he hath given unto the children of men.** And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given, and he lieth not, but fulfilleth all his words; and no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; Therefore nothing entereth into his rest, **save it be those who have washed their garments IN MY BLOOD,** because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end. **NOW THIS IS THE COMMANDMENT, REPENT, ALL YE ENDS OF THE EARTH, AND COME UNTO ME AND BE BAPTIZED IN MY NAME, THAT YE MAY BE SANCTIFIED BY THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST, THAT YE MAY STAND SPOTLESS BEFORE ME AT THE LAST DAY. VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THIS IS MY GOSPEL;** and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do, that shall ye also do; For that which ye have seen me do, even that shall ye do; therefore **if ye do these things,** blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day" (3 Nephi 13:25-35).

The way of salvation is through faith, repentance, baptism of water and of the Spirit, and enduring unto the end through the atoning blood of Christ. Loving one another is not all there is to the gospel of Christ in view of the above of the quotations. Even crooks may love one another and still go to hell. "And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" (Matthew 5:47). "For if ye

love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" (Matthew 5:46). Loving one another is the second commandment. However the first commandment which is to love the Lord with all thy heart, might, mind, and strength is not once mentioned by the guides. That is a rather strange omission by those professing to be interested only in the salvation of mankind.

PAGE 85—Guides who were successful writers here on earth were failures spiritually so now they must try to atone for their sins there.

REBUTTAL—This in direct contradiction to the words of Christ. No man can atone for the sins he has committed either here or there. If we do not apply the atoning blood of Christ to our lives we are without hope. But the guides were spiritual failures here on earth and God has stated plainly that he redeems no man who dieth in his sins.

"And the way is prepared from the fall of man, and salvation is free" (2 Nephi 1:66). Notwithstanding there are certain things required of us if we hope to gain eternal salvation. Even though Christ paid the debt and purchased our souls we still must fulfill certain stipulations laid down by Christ. These as we have already seen are faith, repentance, baptism, etc. But you may say, "well these are the works so salvation isn't free." Please understand that even these works are of no avail without the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. "I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole soul, yet ye would be unprofitable servants" (Mosiah 1:54).

This being the case why is it necessary for the guides to atone for their own sins? To postulate, is it because they had not repented of them while in this life? If so, then their day of preparation is past and they must partake of the fruit of their labors and drink the dregs of a bitter cup. Need we reiterate that after this life there is no work performed? Suffice it to say that the guides are teaching some other doctrine and therefore there is no light in them.

The guides themselves admit they were spiritual failures. But Christ lived a perfect life here upon earth. Why not go to him instead for guidance and help?

PAGE 122—The main theme of the guides' doctrine is "helping others" and that the purpose of life in this phase is to prepare for the next and the next and the next. The process can be speeded up by living so that intermediate steps are eliminated. This is done through helping others.

REBUTTAL—The central theme of the scriptures is Christ. It is in Him only that we have hope of salvation for there is none other name, and no other means whereby we can be saved except through obedience to his words. Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. (See Matthew 4:4). Helping of others is only one part of the doctrine of Christ. We may help others all we want, but if we neglect obedience to him in other matters such as repenting and being baptized, we cannot

hope to enter into life. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). This is the whole duty of man, to fear God and keep his commandments.

After this life is the judgment and there are no future phases except eternal bliss for the righteous and eternal torment for the wicked. We have only this life in which to prepare and after this the night of darkness in which no man can work. And since man did not fall until after Adam's transgression in the garden of Eden, then there are no intermediary steps to go through and thus none to eliminate. The idea of intermediary steps is totally unsubstantiated in the scriptures. And since the helping of others is supposed to enable us to eliminate some of those non-existent steps then the helping of others does not accomplish that purpose. If the helping of others obtains for us salvation, then salvation is of works and not by grace, but Christ said it was by grace, a gift.

The idea that we are to prepare for the next and the next and the next phases of existence does away with hell. For what purpose would hell serve if we all made it sooner or later, and we never cease our upward struggle? For as they tell us, each of us has returned to the earth repeatedly to try again. If the helping of others is the process by which we gain perfection what happens to faith, repentance, baptism, etc., for if we can gain it solely by helping others why repent? or why be baptized?

We were told previously that some have progressed so rapidly that they skip the earth phase. How is it that Christ, who was the holiest of all, was unable to skip this phase? Was not he perfect before he came to the earth? We have seen the guides refer to Christ as being a "Man of God." Later they refer to him as a saint. Why is it they do not identify him and his mission for what it really was?

PAGE 122—The purpose of this book is to save souls.

REBUTTAL—What about the Bible and the Book of Mormon. If the purpose of this book is to save souls, how is it that nothing is said about faith, repentance, baptism, the gift of the Holy Ghost, the atonement of Christ, the Lord's Supper, the resurrection, etc., without which we cannot be saved?

SYNOPSIS

Bible and the Book of Mormon

Teaches faith in God.
Teaches repentance.
Teaches baptism.
Teaches the resurrection.
Tells us we must be born of the Spirit.
Teaches the atoning blood of Christ.
Tells us we must pray to the Father.
Teaches us to keep the Sabbath day.
Teaches us obedience to the Commandments.
Teaches us to pay tithes and offerings.
Commands us to love God and man.
Teaches hell.

Warns us of the Devil.

Teaches the second death for the wicked.

Does not teach reincarnation.

Does not teach evolution.

Teaches that there is one true Church.

Teaches that today is the day of salvation. After this comes the night.

Teaches the thousand year reign of Christ.

Teaches eternal judgment, the second coming of Christ, the new heaven and the new earth.

A Search for the Truth

Does not teach faith in God.

Does not teach repentance.

Does not teach baptism.

Does not teach the resurrection.

Tells us we are born of the flesh repeatedly.

Does not teach the atoning blood of Christ. Instead we atone for our own sins.

Does not tell us to pray to the Father but that we may pray to departed souls.

Does not teach us to keep the Sabbath.

Does not teach us obedience to the Commandments.

Does not teach us to pay tithes and offerings.

Tells us to love man to help us gain perfection. Says nothing about loving God.

Does not teach hell.

Does not warn us of the Devil.

Does not teach the second death but that we all make it sooner later.

Teaches reincarnation.

Teaches evolution.

Does not teach the one true church.

Teaches that we have many phases in which to prepare.

Does not teach the thousand year reign of Christ.

Does not teach eternal judgment, nor that Christ shall come again, or the creation of the new heaven and new earth.

What conclusion can we draw? Only this, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). Or as Paul says, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8).

PAGE 156—The question was asked if there had been any true man of God other than Jesus. They replied that many saintly being have skipped many intermediary steps and that all great religions have their shining examples of goodness and truth embodied in the person of a man who once walked the earth. And those saintly ones were without sin.

REBUTTAL—"All great religions have their shining example of goodness and truth embodied in the person of a man who once walked the earth." How about it? Is it true? There is only one true religion; the one instituted by Christ. ALL others are false being either man-made

or of the Devil. Mohammed, for example, can hardly be called a shining example for he was a false prophet. Any man sufficiently dedicated to a false system of thought is bound to get a following, some more, some less. What about the religion of Atheism? The mere fact that Communism has swept the world does not make it right. And these great religions are filled with great multitudes of people. But the Bible says that the way is strait and narrow and only a few find it.

"And those saintly one were without sin." How does this statement measure up to the word of God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10). Christ only was without sin. ". . . but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Peter 2:22). And finally, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8).

PAGE 158—Pray for them who have already gone to the other side.

REBUTTAL—What for? Their days of probation are already ended and no work can now be performed. Prayers for the dead are akin to baptism for the dead. And this is akin to the Catholic doctrine of praying people out of purgatory.

PAGE 220—A certain person, now passed on had missed an opportunity there (that is, on earth) and will pay for it here in tedious tasks that would not otherwise have awaited him.

REBUTTAL—Since there can be no work performed after the day of this life and since we cannot atone for our own sins then we cannot pay even one senine or one farthing. "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, until thou hast paid the uttermost senine. And while ye are in prison, can ye pay even one senine? Verily, verily I say unto you, Nay" (3 Nephi 5:74-75).

PAGE 223—Those who are born with physical deformities chose those bodies deliberately. For it is a brave person on this side who elects to return as a cripple.

REBUTTAL—This denies the resurrection and affirms reincarnation which has no scriptural foundation whatever. Further, why should a person elect to return to earth as a cripple when we must not return to do further penance? This is contradictory. It should be obvious that physical deformities are caused by accidents, poor diet and nowadays by damaging drugs. "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 1:1-3). Since this man had not sin, in other words since sin was not the cause of his being born blind then he couldn't have returned to do further penance could he?

PAGE 224—Man in his travel back to God is described as follows: This probing led to error, doubts and temptations, for the way back to God is the straight high road of purpose, love and understanding. Those who dallied and become lost have been born and reborn countless times, but as they evolved into human beings the temptations grew greater. Not one person on earth is there but chose to be reborn and try again.

REBUTTAL—If we all attempted boldly to return to our Maker after having radiated from off His glorious Self how is it there were those who dallied? And those who did not dally along, did they return without becoming lost? All have sinned, it says, and come short of the glory of God. Apparently we all dallied along the way. It is obvious that, since it is appointed unto man once to die, there is only one physical birth. Further, why do not the guides say anything about being born of the Spirit? Is it because they are teaching another doctrine? The very thought that human beings evolved shows from what source Darwin received his inspiration. Adam was made a fully developed human being directly from the hand of God. There was no evolution. It was an act of direct and immediate creation.

Where do temptations come from? According to the "guides," temptations are the results of man's probing his way back to God. But is it? "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16). "For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. Even the forbidden fruit in opposition to the tree of life; the one being sweet and the other bitter; Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man, that he should act for himself. Wherefore, man could not act for himself, save it should be that he was enticed by the one or the other" (2 Nephi 1:80 and 98-100). It is the enticings of the evil one which causes us to be tempted. Wasn't this the case with Eve when the serpent cunningly suggested that the forbidden fruit was good to make one wise? It is strange how the guides don't put the blame where it belongs.

PAGE 74—You can have no higher mission than to pass on to others the truths you have been learning.

REBUTTAL—The fact that these so-called truths are not present in the Bible and the Book of Mormon casts serious doubt upon them. Moreover, this book mentions that we should love one another which is one of the commandments. But the other commandments are not mentioned, why? "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is is guilty of all" (James 2:10). And "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (not just loving your neighbor only, H.E.S.) (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This being so, we do not need to go outside the Bible and the Book of Mormon to obtain that which is necessary for salvation. In speak-

ing of the Book of Mormon we read: "Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fullness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me, I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father" (3 Nephi 9:66).

PAGE 75—Life here is as a leaf which embeds itself in a rock and is discovered a million years later still reflecting the flora of an age.

REBUTTAL—This statement contradicts the creation account and supports the evolution theory. Why use a lie in order to illustrate a so-called truth?

PAGE 81—We are as you will be, and you are as we once were.

REBUTTAL—This is very similar to the false Mormon doctrine that "As man is God once was, and as God is man may become." Knowing who these informants are, and knowing that if we continue in sin until the end of our days, then, yes we will become angels to a devil, we will become as they are. But they were never as we were for they were never in the flesh.

PAGE 124—The soul is the only segment of the human being that is salvageable.

REBUTTAL—If this statement be true then there is no need for the resurrection, for the resurrection is the raising of our bodies from the grave and the reuniting of them with our spirits.

The fact that the physical is salvageable is graphically illustrated in the following quotation. "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:29-30).

PAGE 169—In this book the important thing to make clear is that these things you are writing about have been a part of every culture. They did not begin with Christianity.

REBUTTAL—True! The Babylonian culture and its false mystery religion has permeated every culture upon the face of the earth. This admission in itself proves that it does not speak according to this word for it is outside of and contrary to the only true religion ever established upon the earth. And since Christianity was the true religion and the only right culture, what does that say of these teachings? If they did not begin with Christianity then they are not of Christ are they?

PAGE 169—People were seeing spirits before they believed in God and because of that they began to try to picture a God. They were aware of spirits before they had any conception of a Supreme Being.

REBUTTAL—This statement contradicts a previous statement by the guides. If as soon as we radiated off from God's glorious self we boldly began our probing back to him how could we have done so if we didn't believe in God? The statement is false, of course, because God was first known of man for he walked and

talked with Adam the first man in the garden of Eden.

PAGE 169—The psychic is a constant stream that started when man first began to think and before he was able to reason, and out of it all the various religions developed.

REBUTTAL—It should be observed that man began to think intelligently immediately upon his creation. Even before Eve was created God brought all the animals (and there were thousands of them, each after their own kind) before Adam and Adam gave names to all of them. This was no small feat. Remember, too, that God walked and talked with him in the garden. There never was a time before which man could not reason. This shows, too, the true source of Darwin's mis-inspiration for that was the very thing he fostered upon the gullible world of his day. As for the various religions, they were started by Satan and man and were outgrowths and corruptions of the true religion as given to Adam and Noah.

PAGE 221—A certain departed one now is teaching class in beginner philosophy for those who did not previously know anything of Eastern religion or thought. Hap (the name of this departed one) had spent most of his adult life in China, before the Communist took over.

REBUTTAL—God does not walk in many paths. And when He said I will build my church, he didn't say churches, or religions, or philosophies. There is only one road to heaven and it isn't the high road of purpose as the guides would have us believe. It is the straight and narrow path that leads to life and few there be that find it. Since according to the guides we all are treading the high road of purpose, love and understanding, then this so-called high road must be the broad way that leads to destruction. When Christ came to the earth he said, I will build my church. Eastern religion and thought was already in existence even at that time (though Mohammed came later). If these philosophical systems of thought and religion were of Christ then why was it necessary for him to come to the earth to build his church when it was already here?

Why teach a false religion? What good is an eastern religion or thought in the hereafter? Should not they be taught the true religion? Christ himself went to preach to the spirits in prison. What did he teach them? "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit" (I Peter 4:6). The teaching of false systems of religion has nothing to do with teaching men how to live according to God in the spirit. Besides it was the gospel that was preached to them, not eastern religion or thought.

PAGE 75—Don't let yourselves become old fogies. Act younger! Day of white beards went out with hoop skirts and bustles. Be dramatic! Act with vigor of youth, conquer the world so you will be able with equal zest to conquer the world's that lie ahead. It is for the young in heart that the world was made. So be young, act young, feel young.

REBUTTAL—What does God really care about this? "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). God looks at the heart, not the outward appearance. It is for this reason that David was chosen. "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKETH ON THE HEART" (I Samuel 16:7). Abraham was also chosen "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment;" (Genesis 18:19). Justice and judgment has nothing to do with feeling your oats so to speak or being and acting young. Mormon was chosen because "I perceive that thou art a sober child, and art quick to observe" (Mormon 1:2).

There are no future worlds to conquer, for after this earth comes the new earth upon which we shall spend eternity. There will be nothing to conquer for Christ will have put down all enemies, himself becoming subject unto Him (the Father) that put all things under him. The following quotation should make it clear that it is this world only in which we have to work out our soul salvation. "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **once** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. AND AS IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT: SO CHRIST WAS ONCE OFFERED to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:26-28).

The world was not made for the young in heart, even though the present generation seems to think it was. The world was made for all mankind, and, man is that he might have joy. There is no doubt but that there were those who felt that Elijah and some of the old prophets were old fogies. Nevertheless they were the servants of God. But when the people let themselves go and indulge themselves in every kind of worldly pleasure, they were, worldly speaking, going with the crowd, acting with the vigor of youth. They go from one fad to another. Then it was hoop skirts and bustles; now it is miniskirts and LSD. That is what the youth today are doing; living it up. They are acting young, being young, feeling young. The older generation are nothing but a bunch of old fogies. to the rebellious young.

These are all temporal things and God is concerned with the spiritual. The earth was made for the righteous. It was a place specifically created wherein we could make our choice whether to serve God or mammon.

PAGE 129—Some are "darned" good businessmen, too.

REBUTTAL—"Darn" is a slang version of "damn." Righteous souls would not use this terminology. "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; nay, nay: FOR WHATSOEVER IS MORE THAN THESE COMETH OF EVIL" (Matthew 5:37).

PAGE 221—Some statements from the other side. Tell her she's my baby from here through eternity. I'll be "..." if you weren't right. Don't give a hang what some fuddy-duddies say about it. They don't count for nuttin' when you see it from over here.

REBUTTAL—This is unbecoming language for a saint and poor English too. Even Christ called his enemies friends. "And when the king (Christ, H.E.S.) came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:11-14). And when Judas betrayed Christ and led the soldiers to take him Christ said to him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him" (Matthew 26:50).

Such language should not be used by anyone for it demonstrates a lack of love which is the very supposed theme of this book.

PAGE 222—He is proud, proud, proud of her.

REBUTTAL—Pride is greatly condemned in the scriptures. Meekness and humility are extolled highly. "Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God. Behold ye must prepare quickly, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and SUCH AN ONE HATH NOT ETERNAL LIFE" (Alma 3:50-51).

PAGE 123—There is no death.

REBUTTAL—This again is a misstatement of fact. Satan told a slightly different version of this lie nearly 6,000 years ago when he told Eve that she wouldn't die because of partaking of the forbidden fruit. She was told she wouldn't die. But she did die didn't she. Now we are being told there is no death. But let's hear the word of God. God said Eve would die, and die she did, for in the very moment that she partook of the forbidden fruit she died a spiritual death, and also in that moment the seeds of death were planted in her physical body so that the time came she died a physical death also. The Book of Mormon makes it crystal clear that there are two deaths, the temporal (or physical) and the spiritual. The temporal death is the separation of the body and the spirit, for the body without the spirit is dead. And so the flesh dies and returns to dust. The spiritual death is separation of the soul from God, and from things pertaining to righteousness. "Therefore God gave unto them commandments, after having made known unto them the plan of redemption, that they should not do evil, the penalty thereof being a

second death, which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness" (Alma 9:52). "But behold an awful death cometh upon the wicked; for they die as to things pertaining to things of righteousness; for they are unclean, and no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of God" (Alma 19:60). "But whosoever repenteth not, is hewn down and cast into the fire, and there cometh upon them again a spiritual death, yea, a second death, for they are cut off again as to things pertaining to righteousness" (Helaman 5:73).

PAGE 132, 154-155—There is no end to the thinking part of the soul except through misuse. Misuse renders it so unfit for redemption that the spark is permitted to go out. This extinction is a means of protection for the whole evolution of the soul to its ultimate reunion with the Creator. There is no destruction of any good that these wretched souls may have performed at some time for others inasmuch as it continues to live with that person who was benefited; but to protect the purity of the "eternal reaching" of souls for perfection, the rest of that person is extinguished. No personality is completely reborn. As the soul advances the baser parts are sluffed off as a shell and shining parts blossom into new heights. As a consequence no one is the same person he would have been in an earlier existence for the baser parts of the personality are discarded, while the higher parts develop.

REBUTTAL—The teaching that a part of the soul becomes extinct through misuse has no foundation whatever in truth. The soul is eternal. "Now repentance could not come unto men, except there were a punishment, which also was as eternal also as the life of the soul" (Alma 19:98). "Therefore, as the soul could never die, and the fall had brought upon all mankind a spiritual death as well as a temporal; that is they were cut off from the presence of the Lord; therefore it was expedient that mankind should be reclaimed from this spiritual death" (Alma 19:20). And again, "for THAT SAME SPIRIT WHICH DOTHTH POSSESS YOUR BODIES AT THE TIME THAT YE GO OUT OF THIS LIFE, THAT SAME SPIRIT WILL HAVE POWER TO POSSESS YOUR BODY IN THAT ETERNAL WORLD" (Alma 16:232).

What about the good a wicked man may have done? "When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die . . . and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered" (Ezekiel 3:20). "When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall **not** be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it" (Ezekiel 33:13).

And what does the good that a wicked man may have performed have to do with whether or not it continues to live with that person who benefited? Does that mean that as soon as it ceases to live with that person that the one who originally performed the good suffers loss? Finally we are made spotless and clean through Christ's

blood. There is no need to sluff off parts of our soul. All we have to do is wash ourselves in his blood and we become clean and pure again. Also, guilt cannot be erased without repentance. And sluffing off of one's soul does away with the need of repentance as well as the atoning blood of Christ.

PAGE 140—Walk with God and you can make no errors of judgment and commit no sins for the presence of God insulates you against temptations.

REBUTTAL—"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6). "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12). "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:26-29). Judas is one example of one who betrayed Christ after having walked with Christ for three years. Peter, too, committed various offenses after having walked with Christ, himself being an apostle. He denied Christ three times. Nephi in his vision tells of those who came to the tree of life, partook and afterwards were ashamed and fell away and were lost. Walking with God then does not guarantee that one will not fall away or make some errors. The difference between one who is born of God and one who is not is that the one who is born of God makes errors but does not continue in them. But the one not born of God goes from sin to sin until he becomes totally lost, having fully turned away and become a son of perdition.

PAGE 156—Because of Jesus' perfection he is able to ascend directly to the Father without intermediary steps and because of his earthly habitat in a brief dot of history, He is able to come again and again to that earth without taking on flesh.

REBUTTAL—Both these statements could not be farther from the truth. Was Christ ever imperfect? Was there ever a time he could not ascend to the Father or come and go as he pleased? Know they (the guides) not that he was with the Father in the beginning and that without him there was not anything created but that it was created by him? Know they not that Christ himself is the very God of the whole earth, that he was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and that it was he who gave the law in the beginning to Moses? He was far more than just a man who gained perfection. But for

the sake of argument, how is it that Christ in being enabled to skip so many intermediary steps was not able to skip the earth phase?

What about the second statement, that because of His earthly habitat in a brief dot of history, He is able to come again and again to that earth without taking flesh? Are these guides so ignorant as not to have known that Christ was resurrected, his dead body was raised to life again? And that with that body He ascended up to his Father in Heaven? Know they not that this same Jesus after having ascended to His Father then showed himself in the body to the people on this continent and allowed them to touch the nail prints in his hands and feet? Know they not also that Christ came to the earth long before he came in the flesh, and that he appeared unto the Brother of Jared in the spirit form? "And when he had said these words, behold the Lord shewed himself unto him, and said, Because thou knowest these things, ye are redeemed from the fall; therefore ye are brought back into my presence; therefore I shew myself unto you. Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son. In me shall all mankind have life, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters. And never have I shewed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast. Seest thou that ye are created after mine own image? Yea, even all men were created in the beginning, after mine own image. Behold this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit, will I appear unto my people in the flesh" (Ether 1:76-81).

The time is coming when the true followers of God will be caught up unto Christ in the air without ever leaving their earthly tabernacle. Behold, I shall shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Corinthians 15:51-52). "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR: AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD" (I Thessalonians 4:15-17).

PAGE 162—Our life is free here. It is not something out there or up there. It is all around you. As you walk in the physical body you walk through the dimension we also are in and oftentimes we walk through you. That is when we are able to merge our thoughts with yours.

PAGE 167—We share with you even more intimately

than we could when we were in the body, because when in the body we can touch you, but the body is a barrier. Now free of the body, I can merge with you and two really can become one.

REBUTTAL—This is somewhat surprising; for once they told the truth, but this statement nevertheless contradicts an earlier statement of theirs that they inhabited the earth, sky and the heavens. We know where Satan and his angels were cast out to and we also know that departed spirits are not consigned to wander to and fro upon the earth. "And the Lord said unto Satan, whence comest thou? Then Satan, answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it" (Job 1:7). Their ability to walk through different persons and to merge their thoughts with ours is the very means whereby Satan gains possession of our bodies if we are not zealous in our service of God. This explains how 2,000 evil spirits could inhabit one man and then to merge with the swine afterward.

PAGE 169—The concept that men have free will is the major contribution of the Christian religion.

REBUTTAL—Hear this from the Old Testament. "... choose you this day whom ye shall serve," Joshua 24:15). "Therefore cheer up your hearts, and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves; to choose the way of everlasting death, or the way of eternal life" (2 Nephi 7:40). "Wherefore, the Lord God gave unto man that he should act for himself" (2 Nephi 1:99). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Notice that he wasn't sent to give us our free agency. This we had from the beginning. Even Adam was free to choose the forbidden fruit contrary to the will of God.

PAGE 176—Jeanne Dixon, the Seeress.

REBUTTAL—"And the things are call interpreters; and no man can look in them, except he be commanded, lest he should look for that he ought not, and he should perish. AND WHOSOEVER IS COMMANDED TO LOOK IN THEM, THE SAME IS CALLED SEER" (Mosiah 5:73-74). "And now he translated them by the means of those two stones which were fastened into the two rims of a bow. Now these things were prepared from the beginning, and were handed down from generation to generation, for the purpose of interpreting languages ... And whosoever has these things, is called seer, after the manner of old times" (Mosiah 12:18-19 and 21). We see from these quotations that no person can be a seer except he possess the interpreters (the Urim and Thummim). And since Jeanne Dixon does not possess these things she cannot be a seeress.

PAGE 221—Ours is a busy working plane, full of laughter and joy. When the parsons (preachers) come, it is someone like George (another departed spirit) who can get them to relax and take a shocked new look at the life here, for most of them expected something so different.

REBUTTAL—Naturally, they expected to go to para-

dise, not hell. For no man taketh this honor (the priesthood) except he be called of God as was Aaron. And why use the term "parson?" It is a non-scriptural term, and does not do justice to one who really is truly called of God to minister for him. The Lord's servants do not have to take a shocked new look at life for they **know** for whom they have labored. "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Revelation 6:9-11).

PAGE 224—The meaning of sex and its part in the life of a human being. For those who wonder whether marriage or love continues in this plane we would explain. True love is unknown on earth, for the body is seldom perfectly attuned to another and minds are so remote that no human can understand another person totally. Here, we merge with those we love in perfect oneness. The love here is perfect and is a process of oneness known as soul mating. There are no ties which require us to continue here a marriage that there was less than congenial.

REBUTTAL—Soul mating sounds like the language of the rebellious youth of today. Man and woman were to become **one flesh NOT** one spirit. And Christ said that in the next life there would be no marriage. "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:29-30). There is no such thing as soul mating, except by way of satanic possession. The Lord, however gave us the means whereby we may be one and in what manner, that oneness was to be. "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:22). The time is soon coming that we shall see eye to eye, when the Lord brings again Zion.

PAGE 139—God gives to one man understanding, to another knowledge of mathematics or astronomy, to another the saving grace of laughter, to yet another the power to fathom beyond earth's laws and dip into space, or immortality.

REBUTTAL—Contrast this now with the word of God. "Now concerning the spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant . . . For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues" (I Corinthians 12:1 and 8-10). What good is mathematics in our soul salvation? Einstein

was one of the greatest mathematicians of all time yet he was an atheist. These so-called gifts as enumerated here by the guides are not a part of the gospel of Christ and cannot save us. They are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7).

Since the guides were failures on earth, why not ask Jesus who was not a failure for our help and guidance instead? God has promised us his help if we but ask him in faith believing. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into **all truth**" (John 16:13).

Page 129—Those who stand ready on this side to assist him, if he will open up and pray, are **LEGION**.

REBUTTAL—"But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is **LEGION: FOR WE ARE MANY**. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the **devils** besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea" (Mark 5:6-13).

PAGE 140—How to hear the still small voice. It is best accomplished in a quiet darkened room at a regular hour each day, though it can be experienced on a busy street or in a subway rush. This built-in prompter has been called many things—the voice of God, voice of conscience, or the spark of inner man.

REBUTTAL—Why don't the guides tell the truth as to the true source of the still small voice? Man may call it this and that but that doesn't make it a fact. It is not a built-in prompter. "And it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness, and an awful, solemn fear came upon them. And it came to pass that there came a voice, as if it were above the cloud of darkness, saying, Repent ye, repent ye, and seek no more to destroy my servants whom I have sent unto you to declare good tidings. And it came to pass when they heard this voice, and beheld that it was not the voice of thunder; neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, **IT WAS A STILL VOICE OF PERFECT MILDNESS, AS IF IT HAD BEEN A WHISPER, AND IT DID PIERCE EVEN TO THE VERY SOUL**. And notwithstanding the mildness of the voice, behold, the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison trembled again, as if it were about to tumble to the earth; behold the cloud of darkness which had overshadowed them, did not disperse" (Helaman 2:92-95). "And it came to pass that there came a voice unto them, yea, a pleasant voice, as if it were a

whisper, saying, Peace, peace be unto you, because of your faith in my well beloved, who was from the foundation of the world" (Helaman 2:112). "And it came to pass that while they were thus conversing one with another, they heard a voice, as if it came out of heaven; and they cast their eyes round about, for they understood not the voice which they heard; And it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice, nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice, it did pierce them that did hear, to the center, insomuch that there was no part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul, and did cause their hearts to burn" (3 Nephi 5:4-5). The still small voice then is the voice of God. For "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16).

PAGE 159-160—To develop psychic powers the first step is to try to make contact with what they call The Unknow so that this power can begin working in their behalf. This power is one of the strongest forces in the universe. With the souls on the unseen side of this imaginary (?) barrier (death) joining with those there who truly seek to advance the cause of others the powers are almost limitless. God created this power. Those who mistakenly call it the work of the Devil are shortsighted indeed, for this power would not be suffered to continue through the ages unless God wanted it used.

REBUTTAL—What illogic! Hasn't Satan himself been allowed to continue through the ages? And is God unknown? God IS the strongest force in the world and Satan was created by him. And God has shown us how we may obtain every good thing. We need not seek the "Unknown" for guidance. With God on our side who can be against us? So God created this power! He also created Satan. The Book of Mormon says that it must needs be that there is an opposition in all things and that we or mankind could not act for himself except he were enticed either by God or Satan. This is the reason Satan has been allowed to continue, to try us and to see whether we will serve God or not. This earth is to be an example throughout all eternity that sin and evil does not pay and can only lead to misery, and that God's way is the best way. In the end righteousness will prevail and the great controversy between Christ and Satan will be ended. God has allowed evil to reign for nearly 6,000 years. It is for the same reason that God has allowed the power of the so-called "Unknown" to continue.

PAGE 111-112—The way to make contact with incarnate spirits. Seek a quiet spot. Shut out all light, or tie a handkerchief across your eyes. Make sure that your spine is straight. Forget your body. Visualize an heirloom or other object or a particular loved one who has gone on to the next stage of life. Breathe gently and deeply, inhaling through the nose for a count of eight, and exhaling likewise through the mouth, while mentally holding the picture before your mind's eyes. The rhythmic breathing should begin to wield a self-

hypnotic effect as the mental image pulsates backward and forward before your closed eyes . . . Through this process various psychic abilities may develop.

REBUTTAL—The way to make contact with God. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (James 1:5-7). "And verily I say unto you, Whatsoever things ye shall ask the Father, in my name, it shall be given unto you; therefore ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for he that asketh, receiveth, and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened" (3 Nephi 13:6). "And as sure as Christ liveth, he spake these words unto our fathers, saying, Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name, which is good, in faith believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be done unto you" (Moroni 7:26). "And Christ hath said, If ye will have faith in me, ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me" (Moroni 7:35). ". . . and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men" (Moroni 7:41). "And my soul hungered; and I kneeled down before my Maker, and I cried unto him in mighty prayer and supplication, for mine own soul; And all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came, I did still raise my voice high, that it reached the heavens. And there came a voice unto me saying, Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed" (Enos 1:5-7).

PAGE 73—Easter is lauded by the guides.

REBUTTAL — God rejects Babylonish worship. Easter is not a Christian name. It is nothing other than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven. That name as found on the Assyrian monuments, is Ishtar. The mystic egg of the Babylonians is said to have fallen from heaven after which some doves settled on it and hatched it out, and out came Venus who afterwards was called Astarte. The egg also had reference to the Ark in which the whole human race was shut up. The Catholic Church adopted this mystic egg and consecrated it as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.

PAGE 153—The meaning of Christmas or its significance is that Jesus walked among men, teaching them that love is the way to win a seat beside His Father in Paradise. Love is the message of Christ for without love the Babe was born in vain. The purpose of Christ's life was to embed this message in all who would listen, that the ultimate road to salvation is to love one another. It is the spirit of Christmas to put other's needs above one's own. This is the meaning of this holiday season—the blessedness of giving rather than receiving.

PAGE 157-159—Christmas is a holy day. Merry Christmas to you.

REBUTTAL—That Christmas was originally a Pagan festival, is beyond all doubt. In Egypt, the son of Isis, the Egyptian title for the queen of heaven, was born at this

very time. The very name by which Christmas is popularly known among ourselves, Yule-day shows its Pagan and Babylonian origin. "Yule" is the Chaldee name for an "infant" or "little child." That festival at Rome prior to Christianity was celebrated there as the feast of Saturn. In Babylon it was the festival of Bacchus. The Yule Log is the dead stock of Nimrod, deified as the sun-god, but cut down by his enemies. The Christmas tree is Nimrod, the slain god come to life again. The mistletoe bough in the Druidic superstition, was derived from Babylon and represented the Messiah.

In view of these facts, how is Christmas a holy day? It is far from it, for it is both pagan and papal. What a lie it is to affirm that Jesus was born on that day. The gospel of Christ is obedience unto his divine plan of salvation for man. We must repent and be baptized, and after having entered in by the way endure unto the end. Love is not all, for Christ came to bring division, to bring a sword and not peace, to separate the righteous and the wicked. The ultimate road to salvation then is more than just loving one another, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" (Matthew 5:46). "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). In actual fact, very few put other's needs above their own at any time. And the giving of gifts at Christmas time most generally does not fulfill this purpose.

PAGE 70—Good morning on April Fool's Day.

REBUTTAL—Again, God does not recognize foolish man-made holidays. And saintly beings would not continue to observe such foolish nonsense.

This concludes our study and rebuttal of the doctrine of Satan. It is hoped that this treatise will be of benefit to the honest seeker of truth and that it may in some way help us to distinguish Satan when he is clothed in his deceptive saintly robe of light. He knows his time is short and he is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Let us therefore, not be deceived.

What Evidence Have We From a Bible and Book of Mormon Standpoint That God Placed in the Church a First Presidency?

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First of all, let us examine the claims made for Moses, Aaron, and Hur, as having been set apart as a First Presidency of the Church of Christ in the wilderness. By turning to Exodus 17:8-13, we read of a war going on, and that Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses (verse 12). True; but how do we know that the church had been organized at that time, this being only about two or three months after their departure from Egypt?

Next we take up Exodus 18:12-26. In verse 18 we

learn that Jethro said to Moses: "Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou and this people that is with thee; for this thing is too heavy for thee." What had become of Aaron and Hur? Gone fishing, eh? Oh, no; we find them in Exodus 24:14, with quite a body of people.

Going back to verse 13, we read that Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua! And Moses went up into the mount of God. And in verse 14, he said unto the elders "Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you. And behold Aaron and Hur are with you; if any man have any manner to do, let him come unto them." Seemingly Aaron and Hur were simply his servants upon this occasion, to look after matters and things while his real minister, Joshua, would be with Moses up in the mount of God, and the elders were to tarry with the people until their return.

But if Aaron and Hur were really officers of the First Presidency why were they not permitted to go up into the mount of God with Moses (in line with Peter, James and John in New Testament times) instead of Joshua? And why should Moses make mention of ministers and elders, and not include Aaron and Hur, if they held any office at all at the time? And they possibly did not, for later on in Exodus 28:1, also 28:8, 9, and again in Exodus 30:30, we read of the ordination and anointing of Aaron and sons to what is known as the Aaronic or lesser (perpetual) priesthood. And if Aaron and his sons ever held any other priesthood, we have failed to find it in any of the books; and no mention whatever of Hur being ordained to any priestly office, high or low.

But let us return to Exodus 24:14, where Moses said: "Behold Aaron and Hur are with you; if any man have any matters to do let him come to them." Then by turning to Exodus 32:17-23 we learn that while Moses and Joshua were on the mount during the forty days, the people gave orders as to what must be done. Well, what was done? Why, Aaron made a golden calf, and they had a glory hallelujah time of it — a real old fashioned camp meeting: singing, making a big noise, shouting and dancing, and naked at that, for Aaron had made them naked. Possibly Hur might have been his helper? Anyway, when Moses and Joshua returned from the mount there was something doing. And we wonder what Moses thought of his two counselors! Quite a bad showing to begin with for a First Presidency, if indeed one was in existence.

But let us turn to Numbers 11:11-25, and in verse 11 Moses said unto the Lord, "Wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight? That thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?" And in verse 14, "I am not able to bear all this people alone." Surely Aaron and Hur must have gone fishing again.

In verse 16 the Lord tells Moses "to gather seventy elders to stand with him, "that thou bear it not alone." Why all this "alone" talk and complaint if Aaron and Hur were with him as a part of a First Presidency?

Next we turn to Deuteronomy 1:3-9, and 12:4 and 17. In verse 17 Moses still complains and says, "I am not able

to bear you myself alone." In verse 12, "How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance? and your burdens and your strife," etc.? Well, we must come to the conclusion, first and last, that if Aaron and Hur were even a part of a First Presidency, they were not on the job. There is not even a shadow of evidence of their holding that office and calling, judging from the foregoing citations. Anyway, the two so-called counselors seem to be missing and Moses all alone just a few days before his death.

In Doctrine and Covenants 104:11, we are informed that the three officers of the First Presidency must be of the Melchisedec priesthood; and in the Herald for September 30, 1925, page 1,027, the writer there tells us that "Moses had in the church in the wilderness the lesser officers, including the bishop, or high priest of the lesser priesthood." And as Aaron held the lesser, we will have to let our imagination stretch considerably to make ourselves believe either he or Hur ever held the higher priesthood, or had any part in what is termed the First Presidency. In fact, that office is not known to the Bible or Book of Mormon.

In Doctrine and Covenants 83:4 we are informed that "Moses as well as the holy priesthood was taken out of (the way) their midst. And the lesser priesthood continued." Having now weighed the evidence of a first Presidency in the church in the wilderness in the balance and found it wanting, we now move forward to the New Testament church, and take up the threads of the Peter, James, and John first presidency, if indeed there be any.

In Matthew 17:1-3 we note that Jesus took them up on the mount of transfiguration, and there appeared unto them Moses and Elias (but why not Aaron and Hur too, if they were counselors to Moses as a First Presidency); but neither on the mount nor at any time later on, do we find any record of Peter, James, and John as having been set apart as a first presidency over the church, either by ordination, anointing or otherwise. We dare not add to or deduct. Why then set up a standard that cannot be substantiated? And why try to build on an if or a guess in a matter of great importance? The facts and proof are lacking. And it must be borne in mind that the James that was present at the transfiguration with Peter and John, was in fact John's own brother in the flesh—the son of Zebedee, and was murdered by King Herod. (See Acts 12:1, 2.)

And James the Lord's brother, that rendered the decision or sentence at Jerusalem, was not even a member of the church while Jesus was on earth. James seemingly had not faith in his brother's mission. (See John 7:5). And he was not on the mount of transfiguration, but came into the church later on, and was ordained to the apostleship. And in Acts 1:2-26 we note that Peter, James and John were still members, or numbered with the quorum of the twelve. And mark it well, that if Peter and John were members of the higher office—the first presidency—sure the apostles at Jerusalem took upon themselves authority that did not

belong to them, when "they sent" Peter and John of the First Presidency (?) down to "Samaria" (see Acts 8:14,) to lay hands on those who had been baptized by Philip. Where can we find another transaction like that? In fact, that does not seem to sound just right—something wrong. The facts are, Peter and John were simply apostles and sent to Samaria by the other apostles about one or two years after the day of Pentecost. And Peter, James, and John, remained with the quorum of twelve till death.

But let us now weigh the seemingly strong points in favor of a first presidency: In Galatians 2:9, we read: "And when James, Cephas (Peter) and John who seemed to be pillars" . . . "that they gave me (Paul) and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the heathen, and they unto the circumcision" (Jews), all five to do missionary work among Gentiles and Jews. Not localized as a presidency; and others of the twelve could well look after and take care of the trouble we read of in Acts 15, as well as other church matters, without a so-called first presidency. In fact, that office is not made mention of in either the Old or the New Testament, nor yet in the Book of Mormon when Jesus organized His church on this continent—America. Yes; something really strange; in fact, if that office was really in existence.

In 2 Corinthians 12:11 Paul said: "In nothing am I behind the chiefest of apostles." Then why the reference to James, Cephus, and John, as seemingly pillars, if in fact they were of the so-called first presidency? There could be no "seeming" about it, for they would be real pillars, if they composed the first presidency. Was Paul not a strong man? And as much as a seeming "pillar" as James, Cephus, and John? or any of the apostles? In 2 Corinthians 11:22-28 we read: "Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Ministers of Christ? So am I. Are they seed of Abraham? So am I," etc. Besides having the care of all the churches. Listen. Does that sound as if James, Peter, and John as a first presidency were in charge? And had greater authority than Paul?

In I Corinthians 15:9, 10 Paul said: "I labored more abundantly than they all. But, says one, "What about that decision, or sentence by James at Jerusalem?" "Doesn't that show there was a first presidency?" To a man, or set of men that have gotten themselves into a tight place, and looking for an outlet, that might look somewhat reasonable. A drowning man will grab for a straw. But let us turn and read Acts 15:1-20, about the first presidency—oh, no; about the apostles and elders. (And don't let us forget that James was not on the mount of transfiguration with Peter and John). Another prop gone from the first presidency scheme.

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"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14).