



**Tell me about your Church**

**Why do they call it  
The Restoration?**

## **A Personal Experience**



Crowned as Queen of the Regional Ball

The reason for the following presentation for you is because a number **of** years ago as a high school senior I was going with a very impressive non-member young lady for whom at that time I cared very much. One evening she invited me into her home; and as I was there, she handed me a Bible and said, "Tell me about the Mormons." I had a very empty tank! I know I lost a possible life-changing opportunity. Later, as I graduated, we went our separate ways.

As a result of that night, over time, I have made a great personal effort and preparation so that on any future occasion I would be more fully prepared to answer, "Tell me about the Mormons."

I sorely missed my opportunity that night. I very greatly wish that I would have had **THIS** material at that time! It definitely would have possibly made an historic difference, perhaps changing her life---and mine.

Being prepared with this helpful material could make a significant difference---for you, for any member, non-member, investigator or missionary.

**The**  
**“Restoration”**  
**of the**  
**Gospel and Church**  
**of**  
**Jesus Christ**

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**Thank you. Dave Olpin**

**A great way to pass along and share the Gospel with family and friends**

## The Reformation from the Catholic Church was begun by Martin Luther



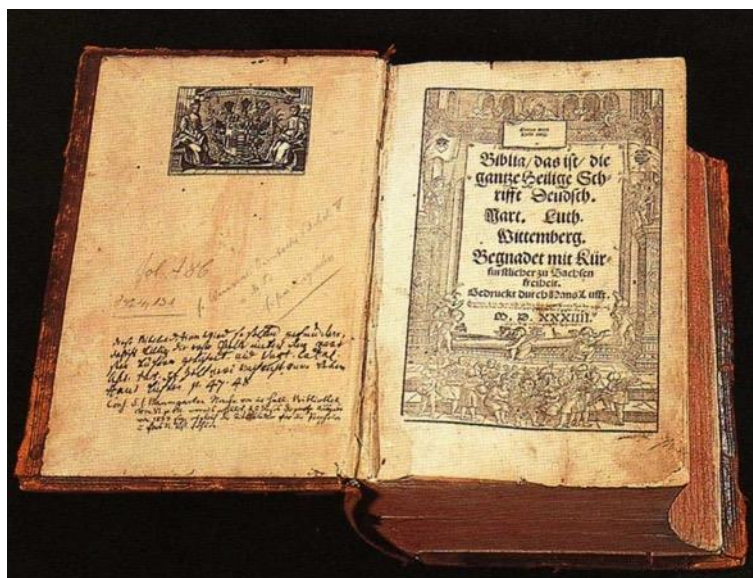
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### Martin Luther's reply to the Diet of Worms

“Since your majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns or teeth. Unless I am convinced by Scripture and by plain reason (I do not believe in the authority of either popes or councils by themselves, for it is plain that they have often erred and contradicted each other) in those Scriptures that I have presented, for my conscience is captive to the Word of God, I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”



**Martin Luther** (1529) by [Lucas Cranach the Elder](#) Wikipedia



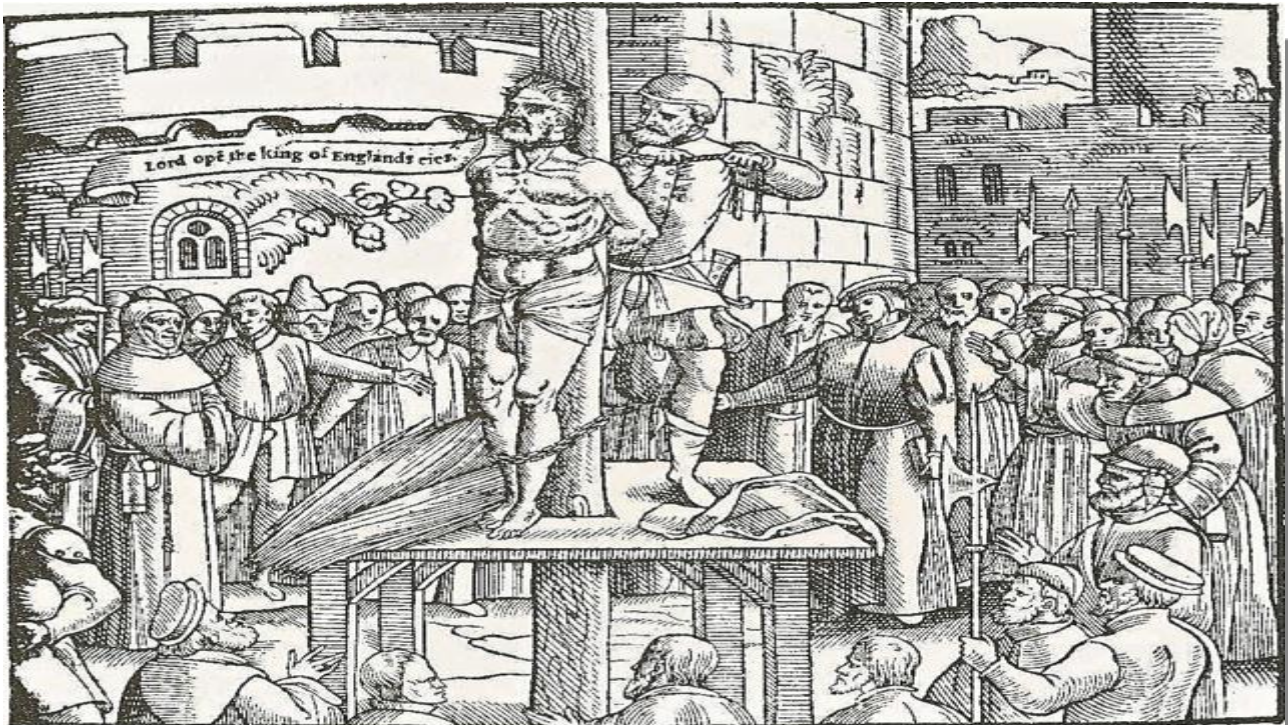
**Martin Luther first translated the Bible into German for the people to read and understand**



William Tyndale



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If God spare my life, ere many years<sup>[SEP]</sup> I will cause a boy who drives the plough to know more of the scriptures than you do.



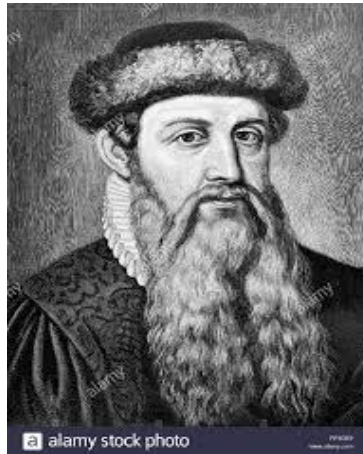
**I** perceived how that it was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth<sup>[1]</sup> except the Scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother tongue.

Sometimes spelled **Tindall**, **Tindill**, **Tyndall**; A 16th century scholar and translator who became a leading figure in the Protestant reformism towards the end of his life. He was influenced by the work of Desiderius Erasmus, who made the Greek New Testament available in Europe, and Martin Luther. Tyndale was the first to translate considerable parts of the Bible into English, for a public, lay readership.

While a number of partial and complete translations had been made from the seventh century onward, particularly during the 14th century, Tyndale's was the first English translation to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first to take advantage of the new medium of print, which allowed for its wide distribution. This was taken to be a direct challenge to the hegemony of both the Roman Catholic church and the English church and state.

Tyndale also wrote, in 1530, *The Practyse of Prelates*, opposing Henry VIII's divorce on the grounds that it contravened scriptural law. In 1535, Tyndale was arrested by church authorities and jailed in the castle of Vilvoorde outside Brussels for over a year. He was tried for heresy, strangled and burnt at the stake in 1536. The Tyndale Bible, as it was known, continued to play a key role in spreading Reformation ideas across Europe. The fifty-four independent scholars who created the King James Version of the bible in 1611 drew significantly on Tyndale's translations. One estimation suggests the New Testament in the King James Version is 83% Tyndale's, and the Old Testament 76%.

## The Advent of the Printing Press by Gutenberg

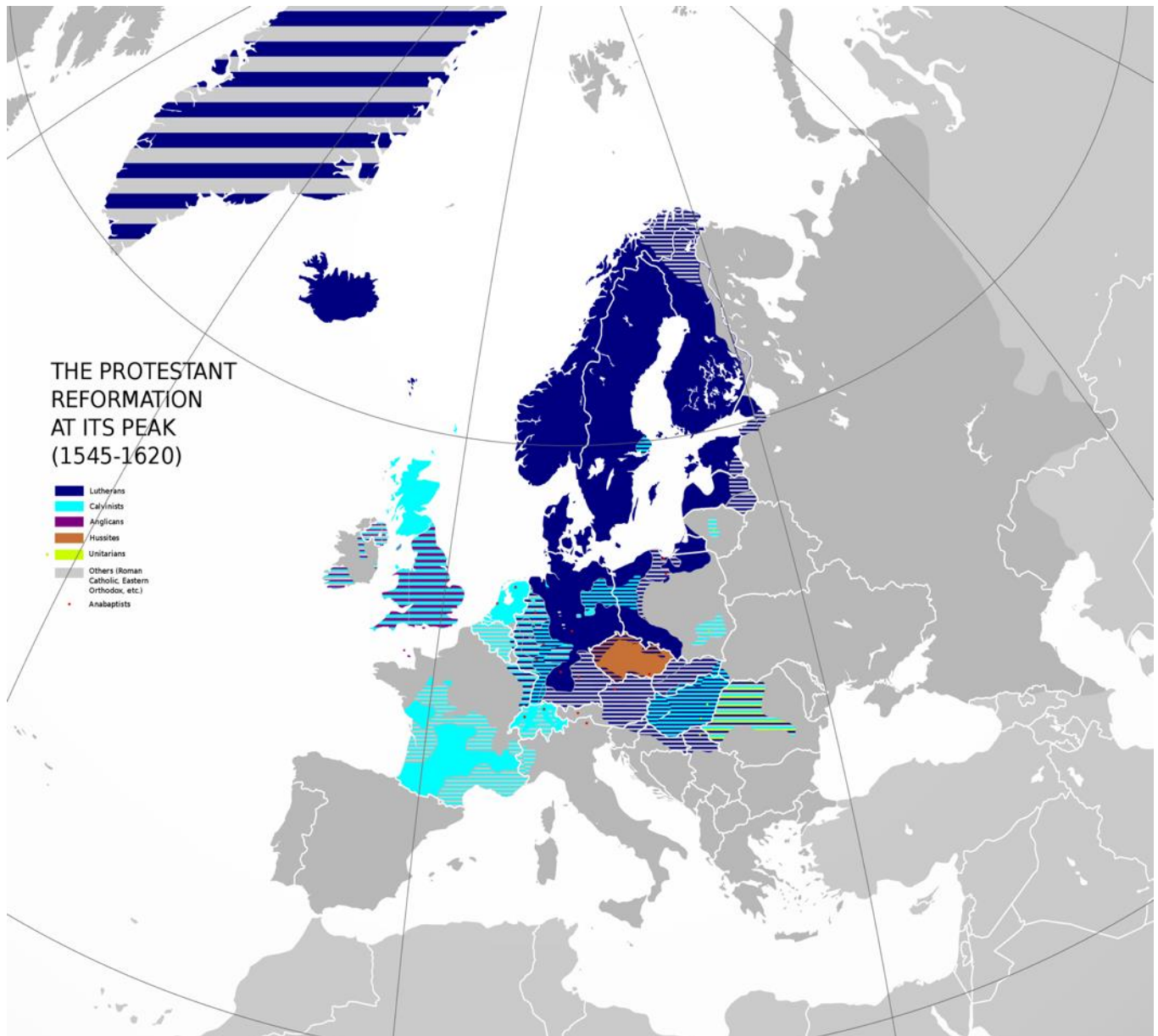


**Johannes Gensfleisch zur Laden zum Gutenberg** ([/ˈguːtənʒɜːrg/](#);<sup>[1]</sup> c. 1400<sup>[2]</sup> – February 3, 1468) was a German [goldsmith](#), [inventor](#), [printer](#), and [publisher](#) who introduced [printing](#) to Europe with the printing press. His introduction of mechanical [movable type](#) printing to Europe started the [Printing Revolution](#) and is regarded as a milestone of the second millennium, ushering in the [modern period](#) of human history. --Wikipedia

**This ultimately made the Bible available to the masses**

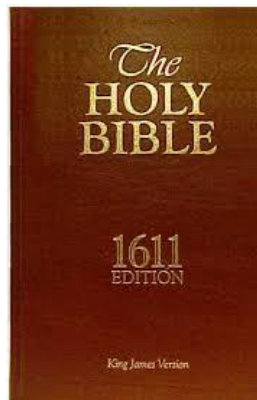


## The Reformation spreads through Europe





In 1611 he appointed 54 learned scholars in the making of this new translation from the original Greek and Hebrew into English. For the Old Testament they used the ben Asher text, and for the New Testament they used the Greek text of Erasmus and a Greek and Latin text of the 6th Century found by Theodore Beza.

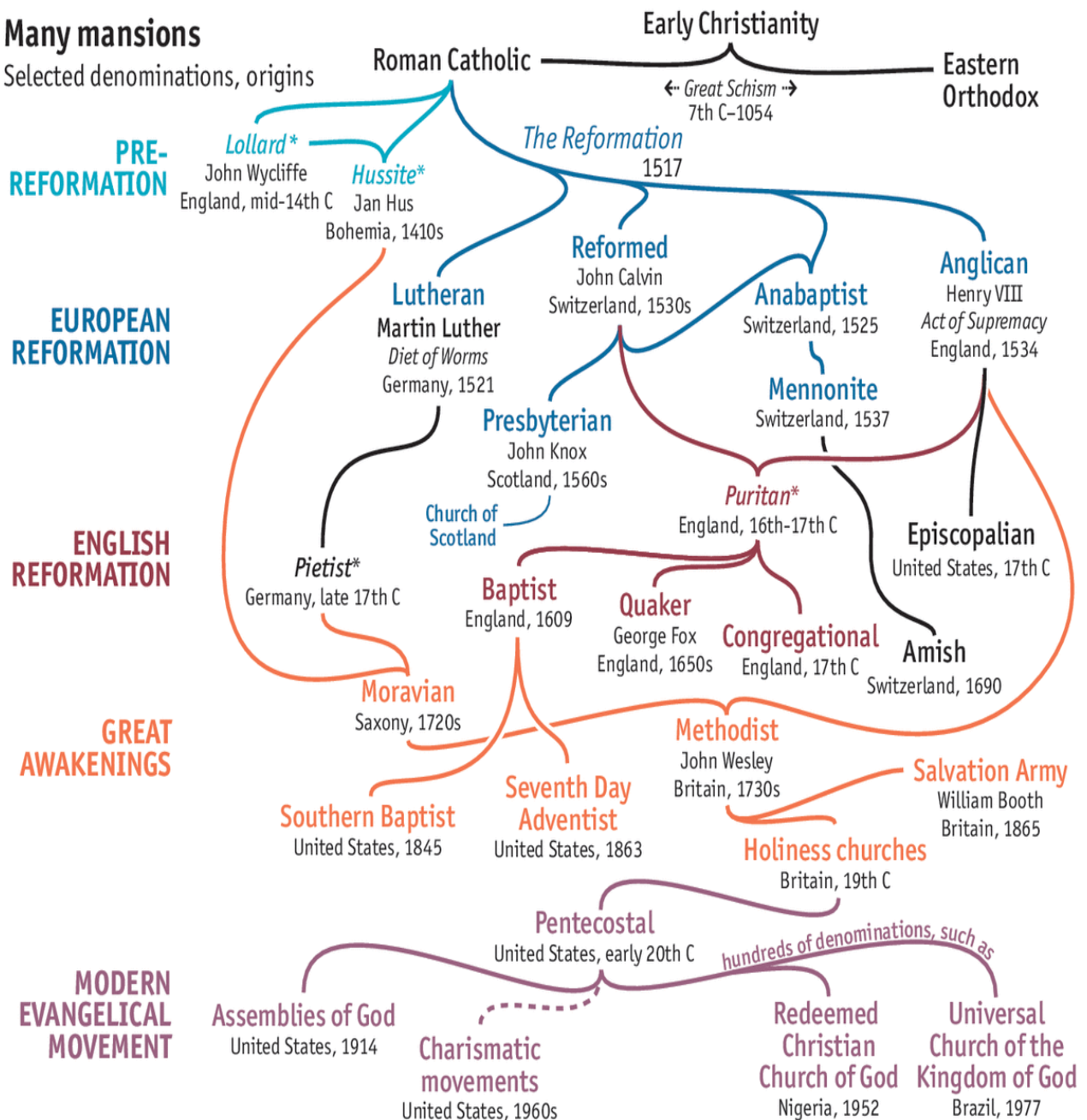


The Bible has been translated into many languages from the biblical languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. As of October 2019, the full Bible has been translated into **698 languages**, the New Testament has been translated into an additional **1,548 languages** and Bible portions or stories into **1,138** other languages.

## Following the Reformation Protestantism flourished widely

### Many mansions

Selected denominations, origins



Source: *The Economist*

\*Denomination or movement no longer exists

Economist.com

**Joseph Smith's great question was—  
which of ALL these many churches was right?**



Joseph read from the Bible James 1:5

“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.”

The Story of Joseph Smith



[Watch the Video](#)

In a grove near his home he approached the Lord: “It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy, which held me bound. When the light rested upon me **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!*



My object in going to inquire of the Lord was to know which of all of the sects was right, that I might know which to join. No sooner, therefore, I did get possession of myself, so I have to be able to speak, than I asked the Personages who stood above me in the light which of all the sects was right (for at this time it has never entered my into my heart that all were wrong)-- and which I should join....**He again forbade me to join any of them.**" *JSH*  
1:17, 19

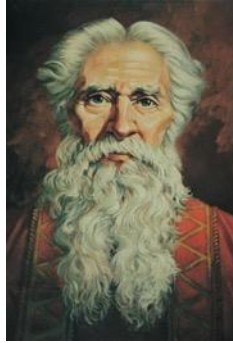
And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to **lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of the darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I the Lord am well pleased** speaking to the church collectively and not individually-- D&C 1:31

## **Joseph Smith's great question was— which of ALL these many churches was right?**

"I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt; that: "they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof." *JSH*

# **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not a protestant church**

## A “Marvelous Work and a Wonder” was Prophesied



Wherefore the Lord said,  
Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but **have removed their heart far from me**, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

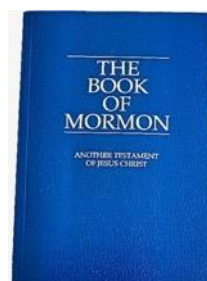
Therefore, behold, **I will proceed to do a marvelous work** among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

**Isaiah 29:13-14**

Whom the heavens must receive until the times of **restitution of all things** which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **Acts 3:21**

That in the **dispensation of the fulness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: **Ephesians 1:10**

And I saw **another angel (Moroni) fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, tongue and people. **Revelations 14:6**



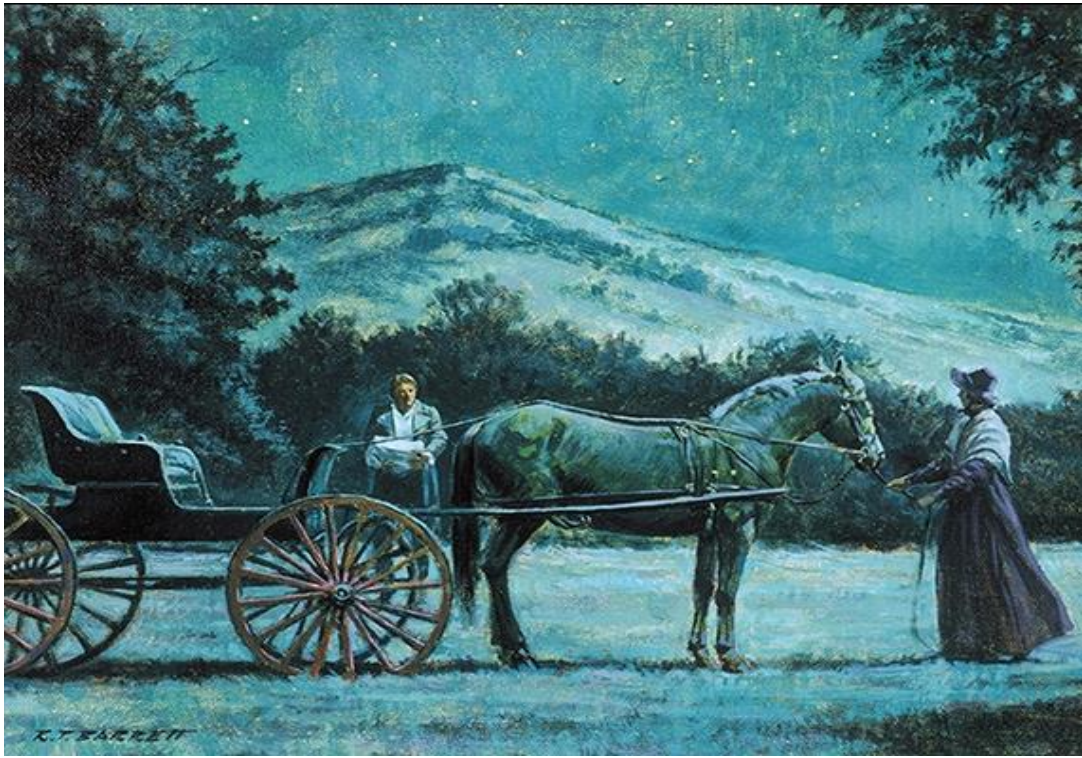


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### Moroni buries the plates, visits Joseph Smith, The Prophet

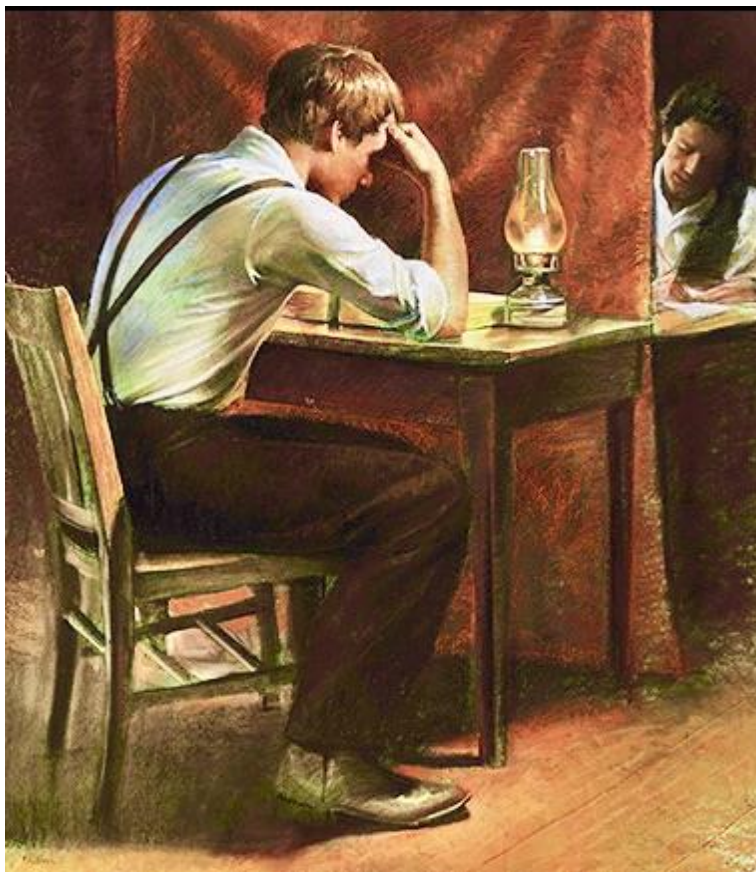
### Moroni's record on gold plates

The Book of Mormon was translated in less than 60 days, 531 pages, a 2600 year history; included within the record itself this marvelous, unique, and "dangerous" promise: "And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost."



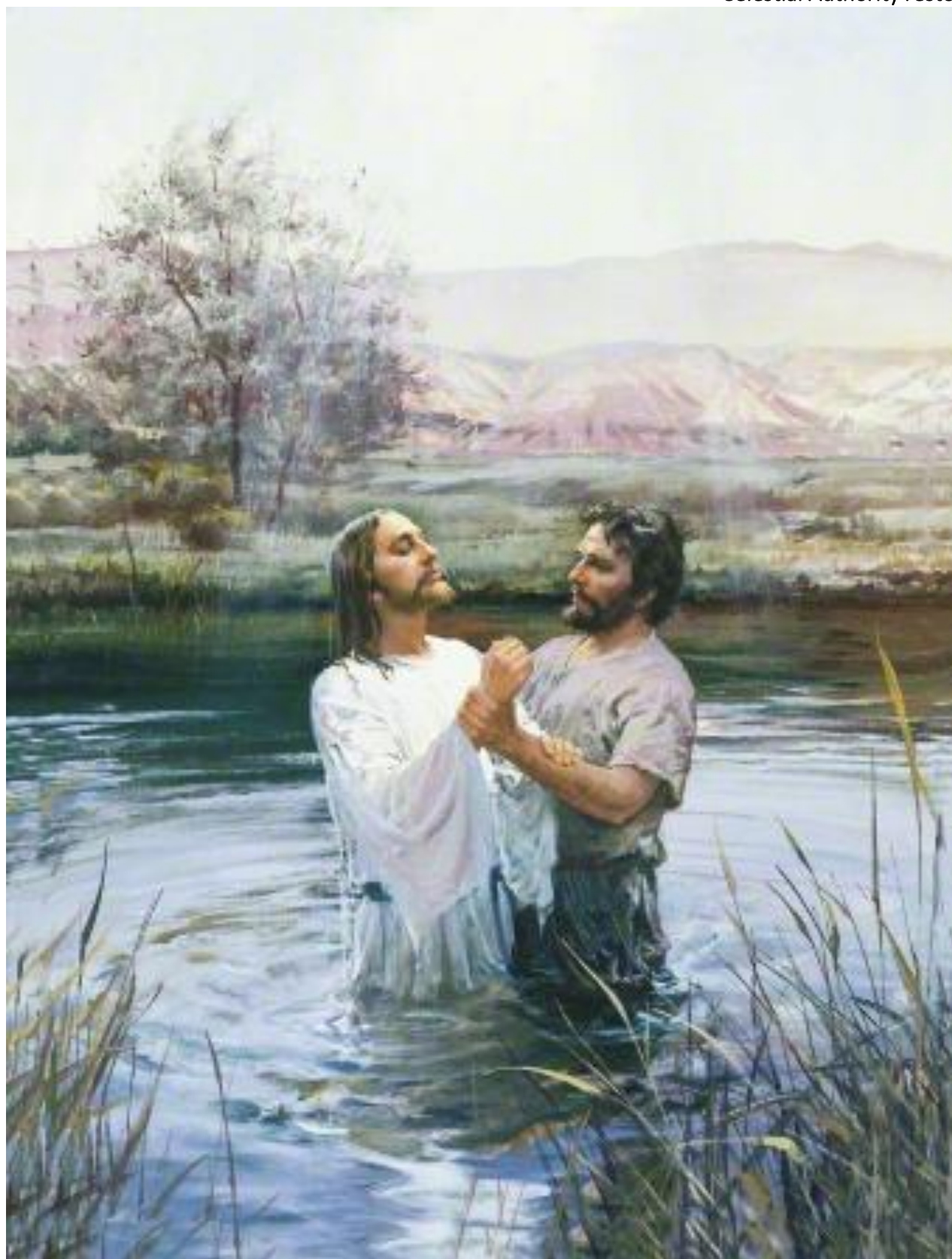
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**Joseph and Emma bring the plates from the Hill Cumorah**



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**Joseph Translating the plates**



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John the Baptist with the **authority of the Aaronic Priesthood** baptized Christ



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May 15, 1829, he restored the **Aaronic Priesthood** to Joseph and Oliver Cowdrey



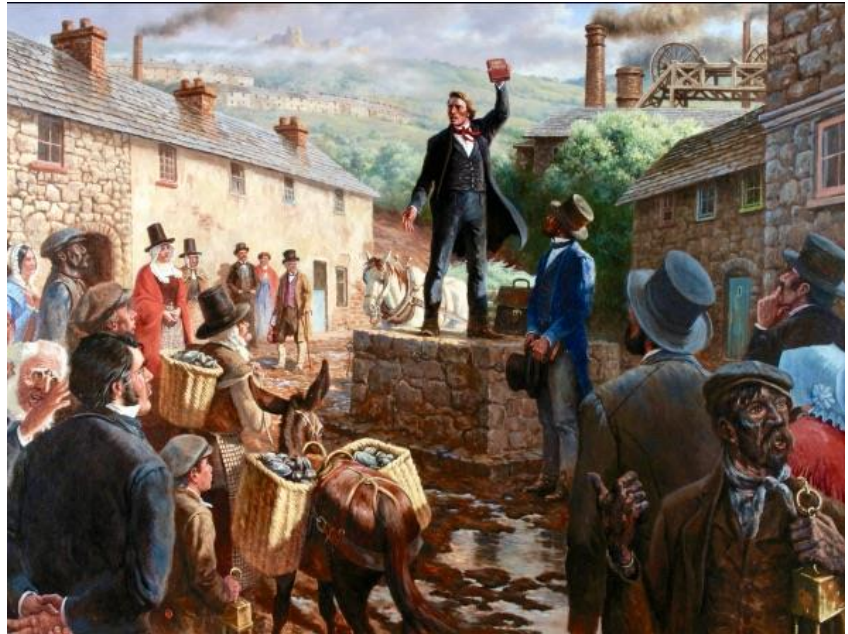
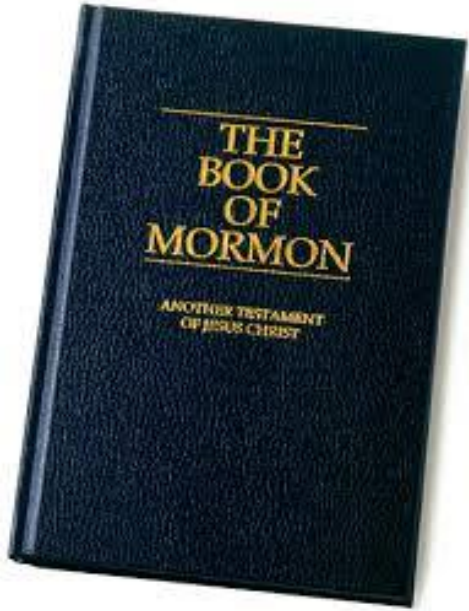
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**Peter, James and John later restored the Melchizedek Priesthood in 1831**

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. Hebrews 5:4

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## The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

### Dallin H Oaks, First Counselor, President Russell M. Nelson, Henry B. Eyring, Second Counselor

**President Russell M. Nelson**, in medical circles, was known as Dr. Nelson, an international renowned surgeon and medical researcher. An MD at 23, having graduated with highest honors. He completed his four-year medical degree in three years. He was president of the Society for Vascular Surgery. “After three challenging years, they developed the first machine that formed the functions of a patient’s heart and lungs during open-heart surgery.

**President Oaks** Editor-in-Chief, *The University of Chicago Law Review*, 1956–57. Law Clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren, United States Supreme Court, 1957–58. Professor, The University of Chicago Law School, 1961–71. Legal Counsel, Bill of Rights Committee, Illinois Constitutional Convention, 1970. President, Brigham Young University, 1997-80. Chairman of the Board, Public Broadcasting Service, 1980–85 (board member, 1977–85). Justice, Utah Supreme Court, 1981–84. Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1984–present.

**President Eyring:** Among other callings in the LDS Church, Eyring has served as a regional representative, bishop and member of the Sunday School General Board.<sup>[15]</sup> Eyring served as an early-morning seminary teacher early in his time as a professor at Stanford University, and as bishop of the Stanford singles’ ward later on. Eyring served as president of Ricks College from 1971 to 1977, as counselor to Presiding Bishop Robert D. Hales from 1985 to 1992, and as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, from 1992 to 1995. Following the death of church president Howard W. Hunter, Eyring was sustained to the church’s Quorum of the Twelve Apostles on April 1, 1995 and ordained an apostle later that week.

## General Conference First Presidency



Personal TV Photos



Pope Francis meets Church President Russell M. Nelson in Rome



**First Presidency and Twelve Apostles in Rome**



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**Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**



**Christ's Twelve Apostles**

**Today**  
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# The Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



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**The Relief Society** is a philanthropic and educational women's [organization](#) of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) (LDS Church). It was founded in 1842 in [Nauvoo, Illinois, United States](#), and has more than **16 million members in over 188 countries and territories**.<sup>[2]</sup> The Relief Society is often referred to by the church and others as "**one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the world**."<sup>[3][4][5][6][7][8][9]</sup>

Relief Society has approximately 7.1 million members. We have over 31,000 congregations around the world, and each has a local Relief Society president. That's 31,000 women (and each president has two counselors or assistants — a total of 93,000 women) helping to lead and direct the work of the Church in their local congregations.

Purpose: Gospel Instruction, women's familial support, humanitarian aid

## Beginnings

In the spring of 1842 [Sarah Granger Kimball](#) and her seamstress, Margaret A. Cook, discussed combining their efforts to sew clothing for workers constructing the [Latter Day Saints' Nauvoo Temple](#). They determined to invite their neighbors to assist by creating a Ladies' Society. Kimball asked [Eliza R. Snow](#) to write a constitution and by-laws for the organization for submission to [President of the Church Joseph Smith](#) for review. After reviewing the documents, Smith called them "the best he had ever seen" but said, "this is not what you want. Tell the sisters their offering is accepted of the Lord, and He has something better for them than a written constitution. ... I will organize the women. .. after a pattern of the priesthood."<sup>[12][13]</sup>

**The general presidency of the Relief Society** serves under the direction of the Church's [First Presidency](#). [Sister Jean B. Bingham](#) is the current Relief Society president. Her counselors are [Sister Sharon Eubank](#) and [Sister Reyna I. Aburto](#). They have been serving since April 2017.

Within the structure of the Church, women have opportunities to be leaders, give sermons during worship services and offer congregational prayers. They take an active role in the Church's [welfare program](#) by teaching self-reliance principles and helping resolve individual temporary and long-term needs. Joseph Smith explained the purpose of the Relief Society was "relief of the poor, the destitute, the widow and the orphan, and for the exercise of all benevolent purposes."

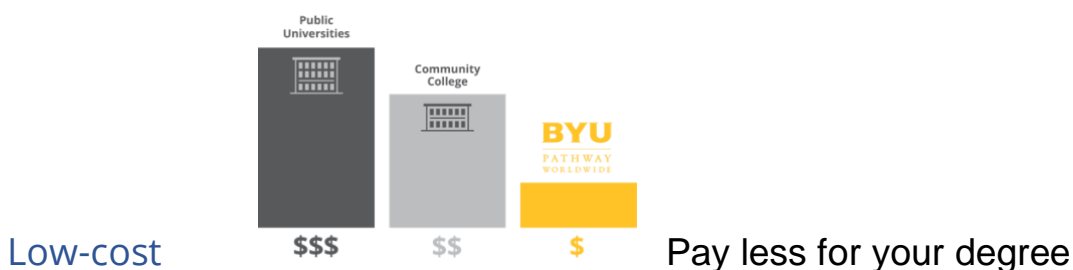
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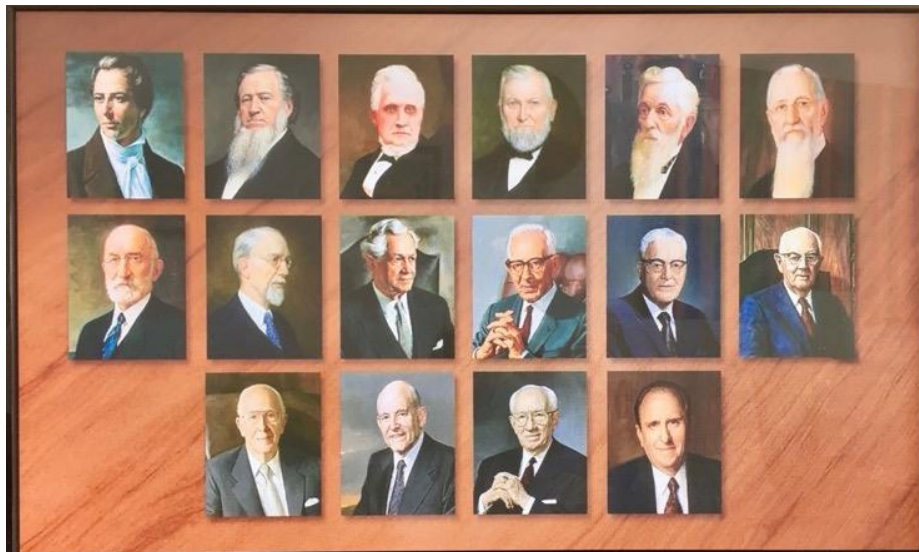


**Lloyd Newell and The Weekly Spoken Word.  
Available in 50 languages.**

**Television was added to radio over 2000 broad stations. As technology developed, satellite and cable transmissions were added to the broadcast.**

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**Past Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

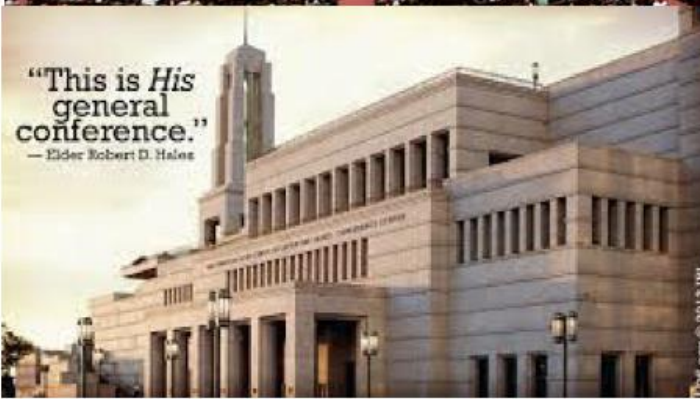
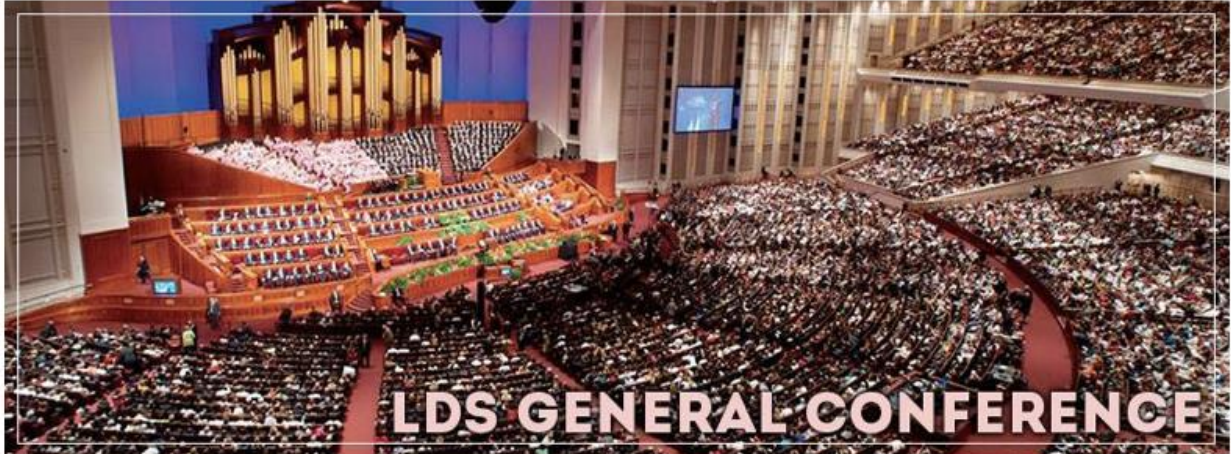


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**Joseph Smith Jr. Brigham Young John Taylor Wilford Woodruff Lorenzo Snow George Albert Smith  
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General Conference was broadcast in over 90 languages to 202 countries



Conference Center in Salt Lake City accommodates 21,000



President Nelson and counselors Oaks and Eyring



Worldwide General Conference directed by General Authorities is held every six months in April and October in 92 languages and broadcast to 202 countries

**Behold,  
I will send you  
Elijah  
the prophet  
before the coming of the great  
and dreadful day of the Lord:  
And he shall turn the heart  
of the fathers to the children,  
and the heart of  
the children to their fathers,  
lest I come and smite the earth  
with a curse.**

**Malachi 4:5-6**

**Elijah appeared  
on April 3, 1836 in the Kirtland Temple with the keys to world temple work**



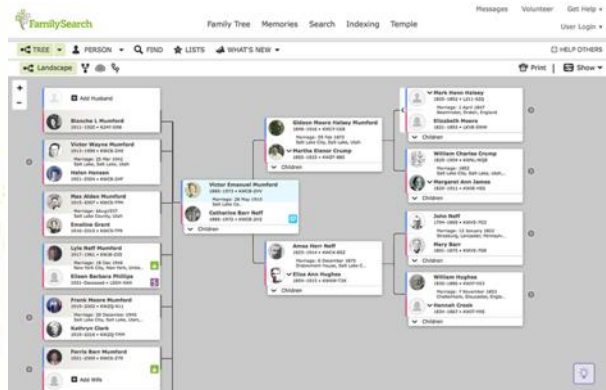
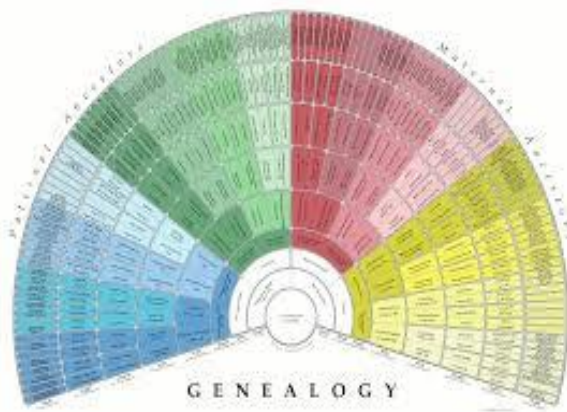
Elijah Appearing in the Kirtland Temple. Art: Dan Leavelle. © 2007 Dan Leavelle.  
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After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us;  
for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to heaven without tasting death,  
stood before us, and said:  
Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi—  
testifying that he [Elijah] should be sent, before the  
great and dreadful day of the Lord come—  
**To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,  
and the children to the fathers,**  
lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse—  
Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands;  
and by this ye may know  
that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near,  
even at the doors.

D&C 110:13-16



# FamilySearch



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## Family History Center in Salt Lake City

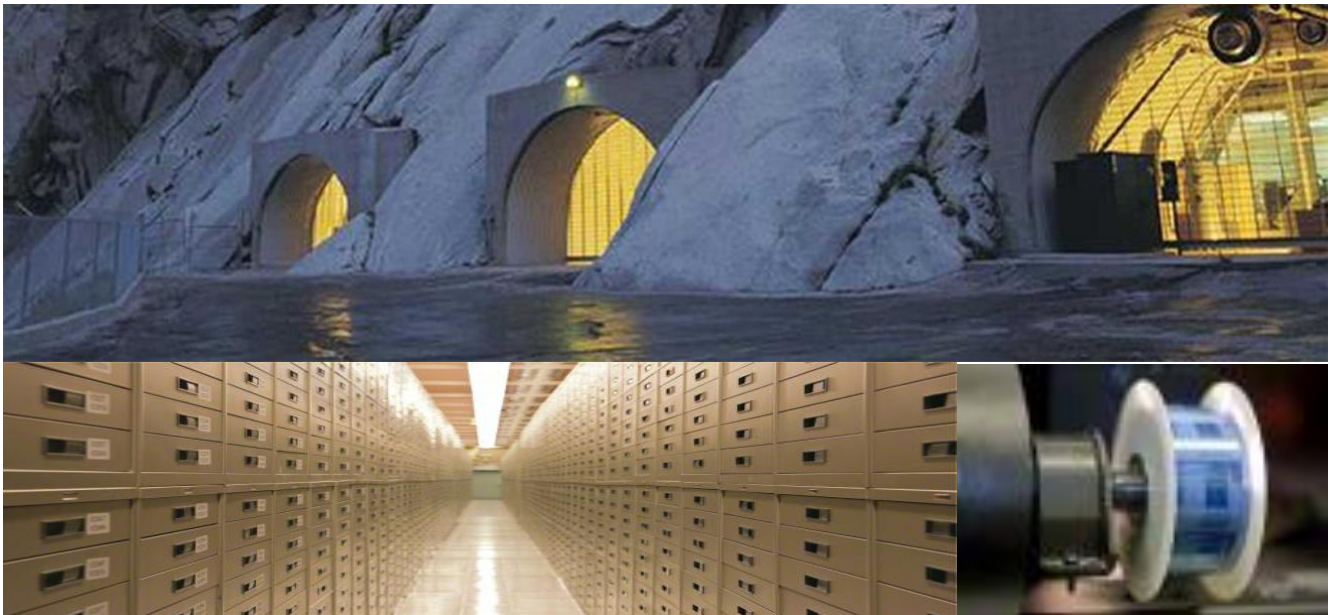


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**Collections can now be accessed at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)**

## ***Tithing***

In keeping with the biblical practice of tithes, Latter-day Saints offer one-tenth of their income to the Church. These funds are used for:

- Providing buildings or places of worship for members around the world. We have thousands of such buildings and continue to open more, sometimes several in a week.
- Providing education programs, including support for our universities and our seminary and institute programs.
- Supporting the Church's worldwide missionary program.
- Building and operating more than 300 temples around the world and the administration of the world's largest family history program.
- Supporting the Church's welfare programs and humanitarian aid, which serve people around the world — both members of the Church as well as those who are not members.

## ***Fast Offerings***

On the first Sunday of the month, healthy members of the Church are encouraged to fast for two consecutive meals and donate to the Church the money they would have spent on food. These funds help those in local congregations, where Mormon leaders confidentially allocate funds to the needy, with the ultimate goal being eventual self-reliance.

## ***Humanitarian Aid***

The Church has joined in more than 200 major disaster assistance efforts, including the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the 2010 Chile earthquake, the 2010 Pakistan flooding, the 2009 Samoa tsunami, the 2009 Philippines typhoon, the 2009 Indonesia earthquake, the 2008 Ethiopia famine and many others. Naturally, the Church undertakes these projects without regard to the nationality or religion of the recipients.

- [LDS.org: Tithing](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/tithing)

## Humanitarian Work

The Church's humanitarian work primarily helps those in need who are not members of the church.

In 2020 and 2021, in response to supply issues experienced during the pandemic, 2,800 truckloads of commodities from the Church's storehouse system were delivered to nearly 400 food banks, homeless shelters, and other charitable organizations across the U.S. This equated to more than 82 million meals for those in need.

In 2021, the Church supported 135 mobility projects, such as wheelchairs, in 57 countries and territories; hosted 3,000 blood drives, resulting in 100,000 units donated; and assisted seven major immunization campaigns, including significant financial donations to help UNICEF take COVID-19 immunizations to dozens of countries.

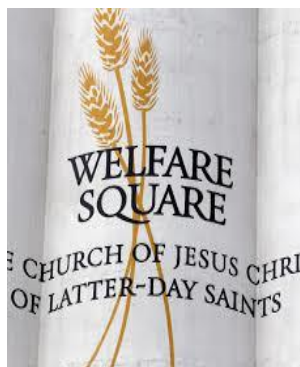
Storehouses provide the same types of goods found in any grocery store, including canned goods, condiments, cooking products, fresh produce, milk, meat, and pasta. Personal hygiene products and household cleaning supplies are also available. "...These are goods that money cannot buy. No price tag is put on the time, effort, and love so generously contributed to the common good of those in need."



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### **Welfare Square** **Humanitarian Centers, Employment Centers**

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**115 Store houses worldwide, 327 employment offices, church farms, canneries, huge ranches grow most products, 2700 truckloads available. Often first on the scene of world tragedies with assistance with helping hands and sustaining needs. A massive Humanitarian Center for world clothing needs. Millions of hours of volunteer labor. A massive effort to help the needy become self-reliant. A hand up not hand out. No government support.**



## The Perpetual Education Fund



The Perpetual Education Fund (PEF) loan program helps members of the Church of all ages get an education that leads to a self-reliant job. Since 2001 this program has touched the lives of more than 90,000 individuals around the world. Through loan repayments and generous donations, this fund will continue to lift individuals and families out of poverty and into self-reliance for decades to come.

To learn more about the origins of PEF, you can read the address given by President Gordon B. Hinckley (“[The Perpetual Education Fund](#),” Ensign, May 2001, 52–53) given at general conference.



# Temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

190 In Operation • 9 Under Renovation • 52 Under Construction •  
115 Announced

## Temples



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**174 World Temples and 89 more announced**



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Temple Qualification Questions

**To Qualify for a  
Temple  
Recommend**

An LDS Church  
member must

faithfully answer a series of questions which affirm the individual's adherence to essential Church doctrine.

The questions address the following:

Faith in and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

- Testimony of the atonement of Jesus Christ.
- Testimony of the Restoration of the Gospel.
- Support of the President of the Church and his authority, and other general authorities and local church leaders.
- Living the law of chastity.
- Relationships with family members as being in harmony with church teachings.
- Support for or affiliation with any

group or individual with teachings or practices that are not in agreement with church teachings.

- Making a good faith effort to keep the covenants the individual has made, to attend church meetings and keep their life in harmony with the gospel.
- Honesty in dealings with others.
- Paying a full tithe.
- Keeping the Word of Wisdom.
- Payment of and keeping current on child support or alimony, if applicable.
- If already attending the temple, does the individual keep the covenants made in the temple and wear the temple garment "night and day" according to the covenants

made in the temple.

- Making a full confession of any serious sins to church leaders.
- Regarding oneself worthy to enter the temple and take part in the ordinances within.

Christ's life, crucifixion, resurrection

## The Christ Child: A Nativity Story

### [#LightTheWorld](#)

(Recommended viewing at the conclusion of this presentation)

Christ's life, crucifixion, resurrection



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**The atoning agony of Gethsemane:** James C. Christensen











Christ's Crucifixion

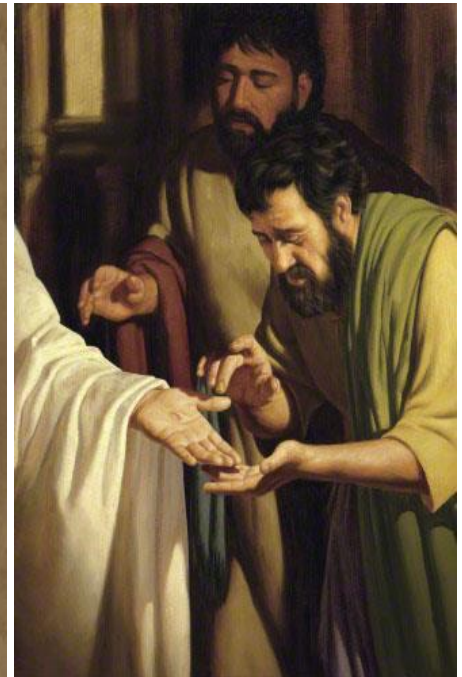


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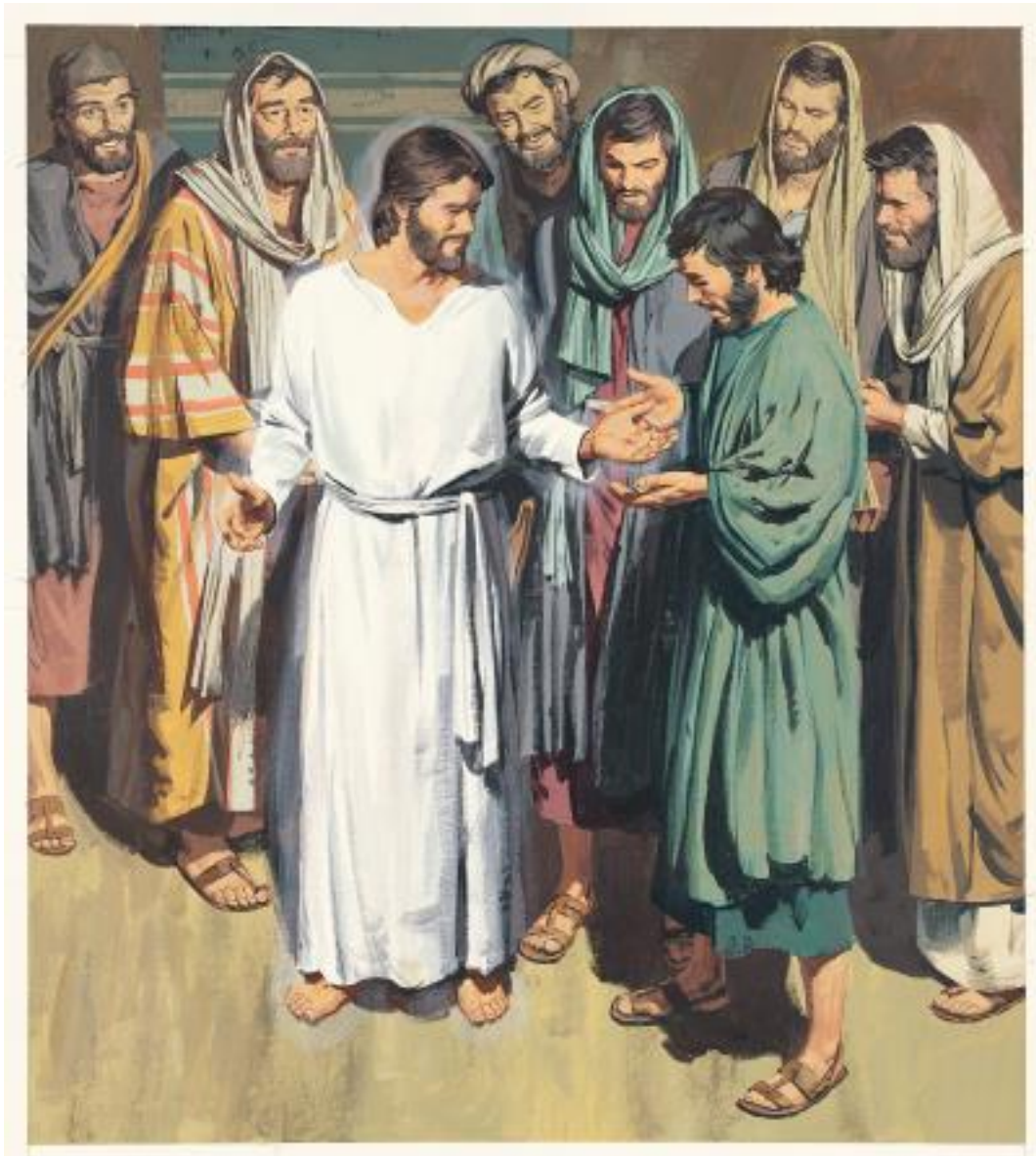
## And the tomb



Mary meets Jesus



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## Christ's **Resurrection**

But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1Cor 15:20-22



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**Christ appears in America, Book of Mormon 3 Nephi 11, 12, 15**

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
16 And **other sheep I have, which are not of this fold:** them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. — **John 10:15-16**

Jesus Christ came down from heaven and stood among the people. They were afraid to speak because they did not understand what was happening. They thought Jesus was an angel.

2 And they were also conversing about this Jesus Christ, of whom the sign had been given concerning his death.

3 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.

4 And it came to pass that again they heard the voice, and they understood it not.

5 And again the third time they did hear the voice, and did open their ears to hear it; and their eyes were towards the sound thereof; and they did look steadfastly towards heaven, from whence the sound came.

6 And behold, the third time they did understand the voice, which they heard; and it said unto them:

7 Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him.

8 And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and he was clothed in a white robe; and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

9 And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying:

10 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

11 And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

1 And verily, verily, I say unto you that I have other sheep, which are not of this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any parts of that land round about whither I have been to minister.

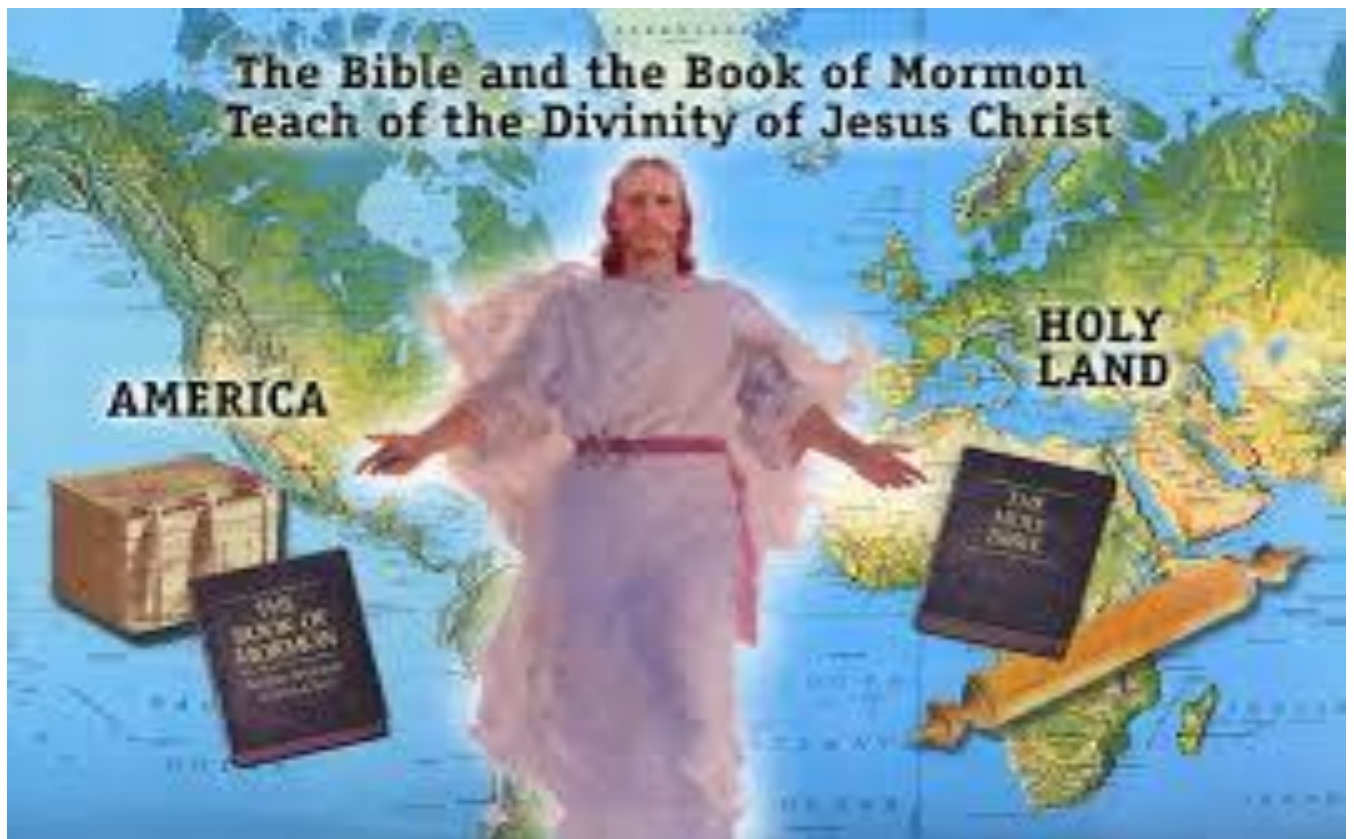
2 For they of whom I speak are they who have not as yet heard my voice; neither have I at any time manifested myself unto them.

3 But I have received a commandment of the Father that I shall go unto them, and that they shall all hear my voice, and shall be numbered among my sheep, that there may be one fold and one shepherd; therefore I go to show myself unto them.



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Jesus appears to the Nephites



**Evidences of a nation of 10,000 “Mound Builders” in North America**

Wayne May



Mound builders of North America, the remnants of the Nephites (Hebrews)

trouble any mans house, and we  
sugar and honey, so that we live as well as heart can wish. After we  
left the eastern part of the State of Ohio we could get provision on  
an average as follows; flour by the hundred \$1.50, bacon from 4 1/2  
to 6 dollar[s] per Hundred butter from 6 to 8 cents pr pound, honey  
from 3 to 4 shilling the gallon, new milk from 4 to 6 ct pr gallon.  
The whole of our journey, in the midst of so large a company of  
social honest and sincere men, wandering over the plains of the  
Nephites, recounting [p. 57] occasionally the history of the Book of  
Mormon, roving over the mounds of that once beloved people of  
the Lord, picking up their skulls & their bones, as a proof of its  
divine authenticity, and gazing upon a country the fertility, the  
splendour and the goodness so indescribable, all serves to pass away  
time unnoticed, and in short were it not at every now and then our  
thoughts linger with inexpressible anxiety for our wives and our

## The Personal Writings of Joseph Smith

Dean C. Jessee, pg. 324



[VIDEO: Undeniable Archaeological Evidence of the Book of Mormon in North America](#)



# Human remains found in mounds.

Wayne May



Figure 1.2. Most excavations of Ohio Hopewell ceremonial sites occurred from the 1840s through the 1920s. Systematized and/or unpublished information on site layouts, features, artifacts, and skeletal series from these investigations and some later ones has discouraged the analysis and cultural interpretation of the material legacy of Ohio Hopewell peoples. Here, Warren King Moorehead (front row, second from right, in suit) and his field crew stand before a deposit of 69 copper and iron celts and 92+ copper and iron breastplates that covered Skeletons 260 and 261 in Cut 3 of Mound 25 at the Hopewell earthwork. See credits.



Head armor

Mined copper and iron for weapons

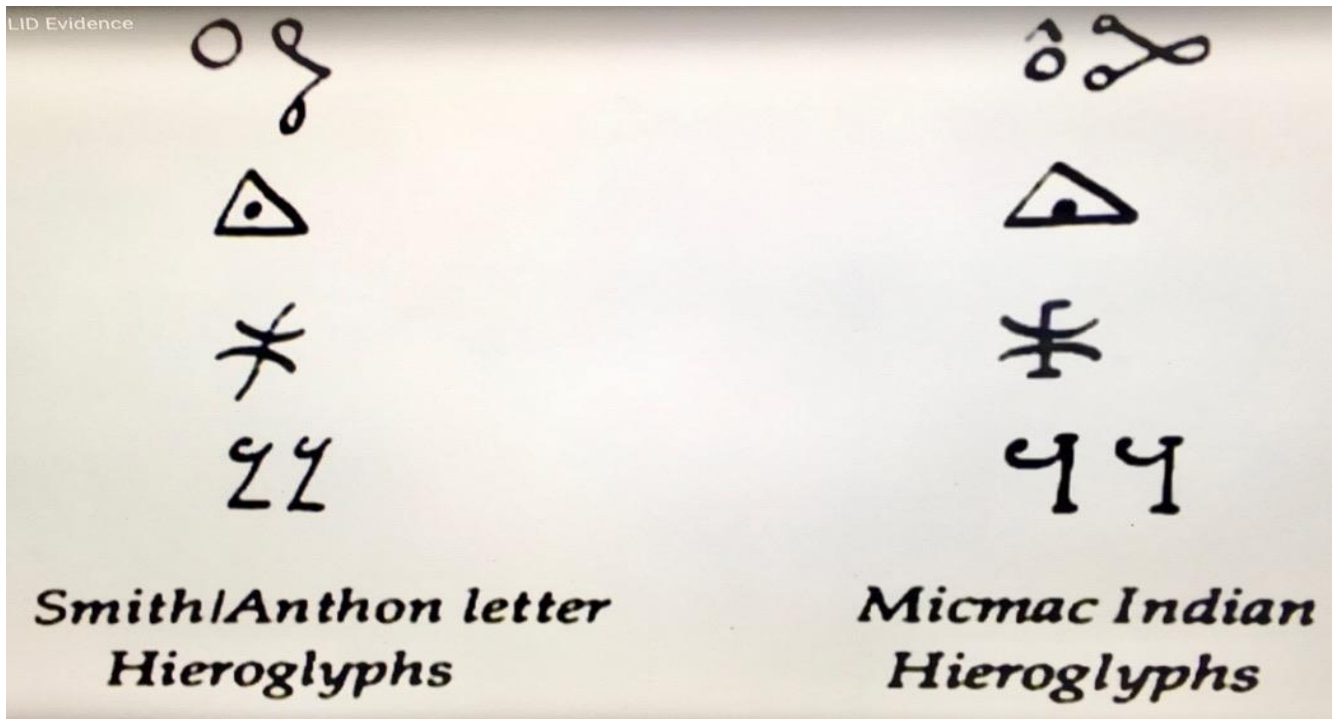
**Click:** [Book of Mormon in North America](#)

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**DNA X2 Hebrew Match with North American Indian tribes:**  
Cattaraugus, Buffalo NY; Wyandots, Ohio; Delawares, Fox and Sac

**VIDEO: Book of Mormon Evidence: Hopewell Mound-Builders**



Wayne May



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**Joseph established the Church April 6, 1830.**

“... to lay the foundation of this church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth, with which I, the Lord, am well pleased, speaking unto the church collectively and not individually.” ([D&C 1:30.](#))



**Kirtland Temple**





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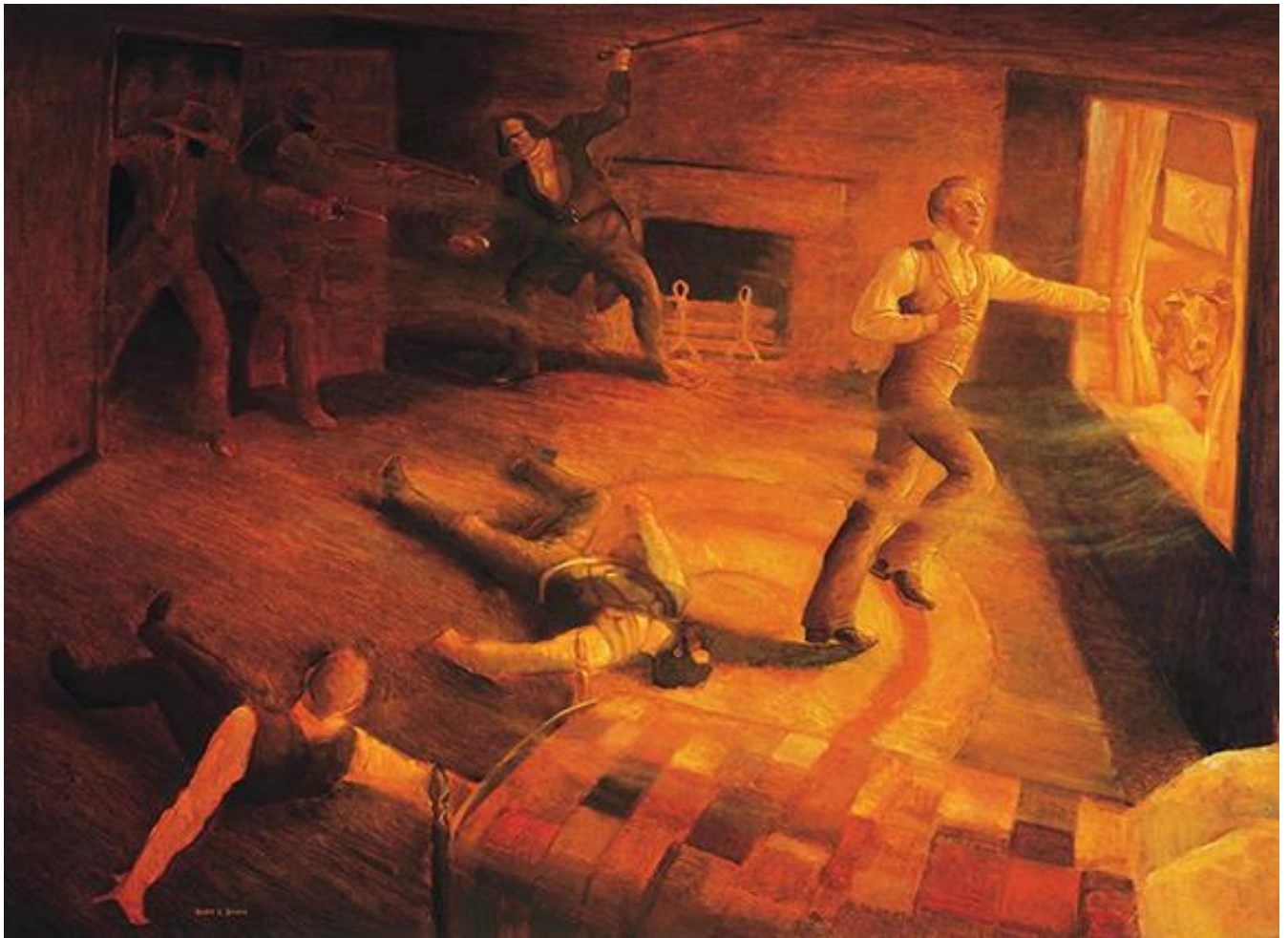
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**Liberty Jail**

Martyrdom of Joseph, Hyrum Smith

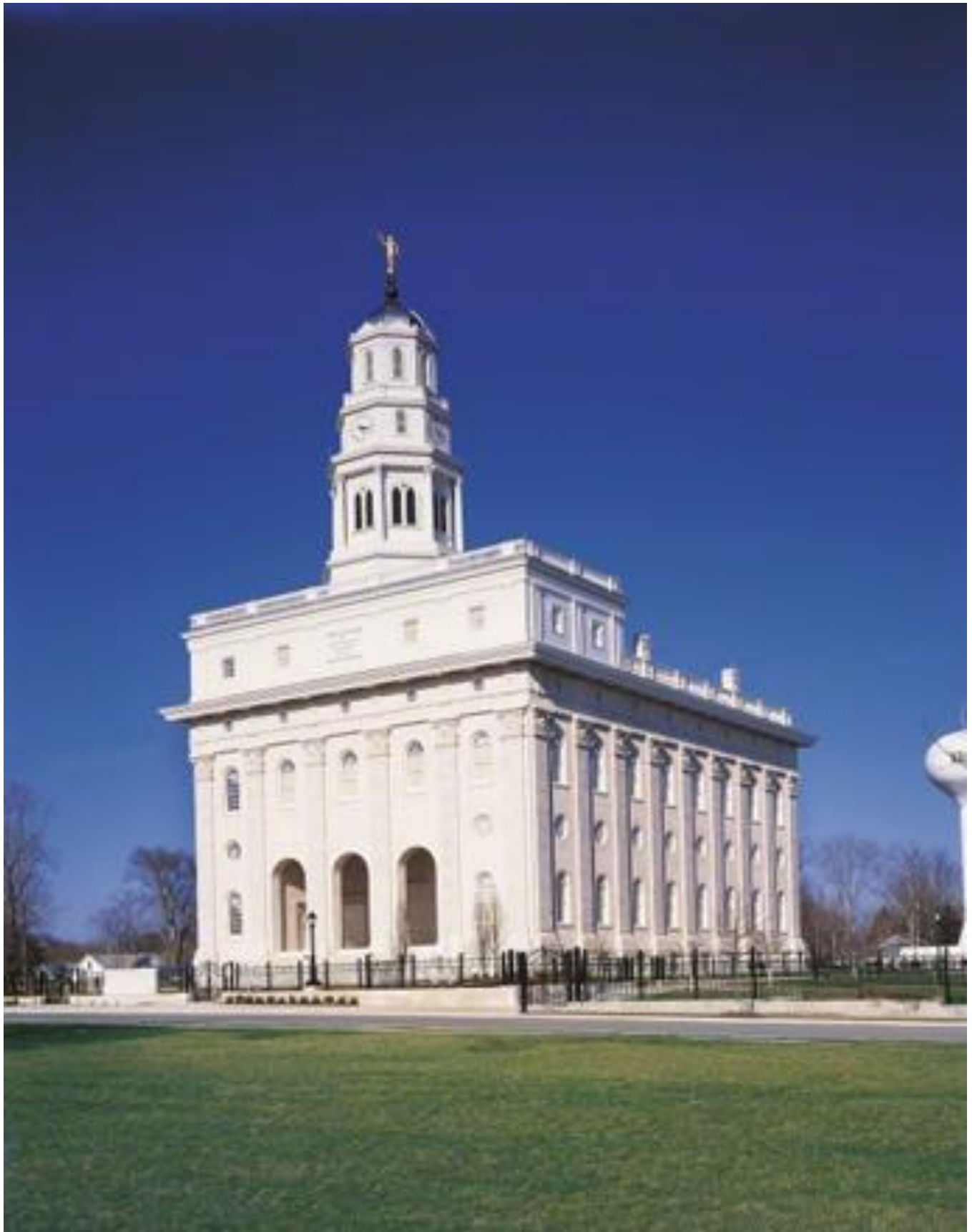


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**Martyrdom**---Joseph, Hyrum



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**Nauvoo Temple (Restored)**

Brigham Young – Nauvoo exodus

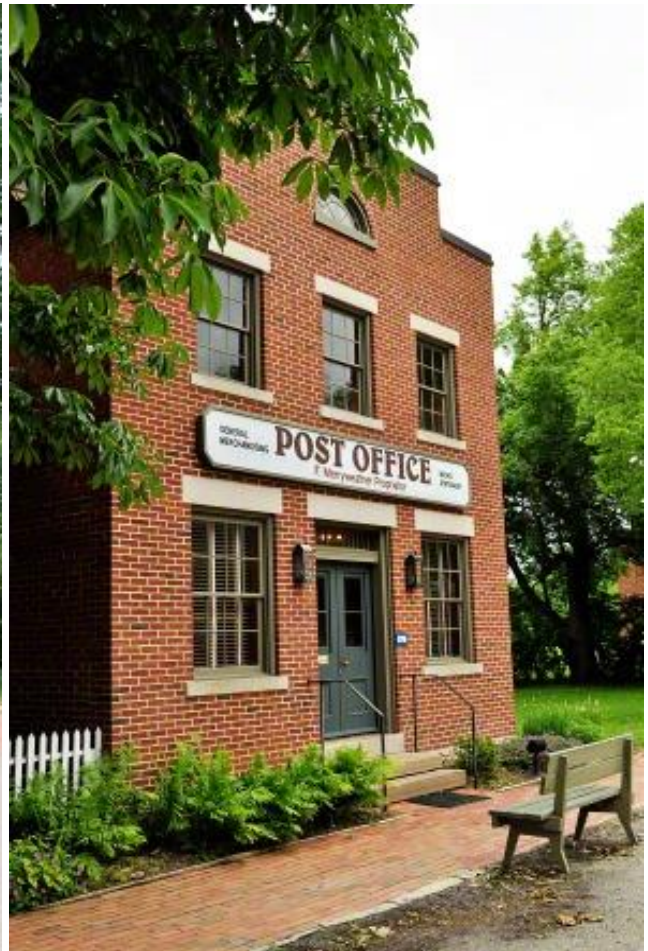


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**Brigham Young**

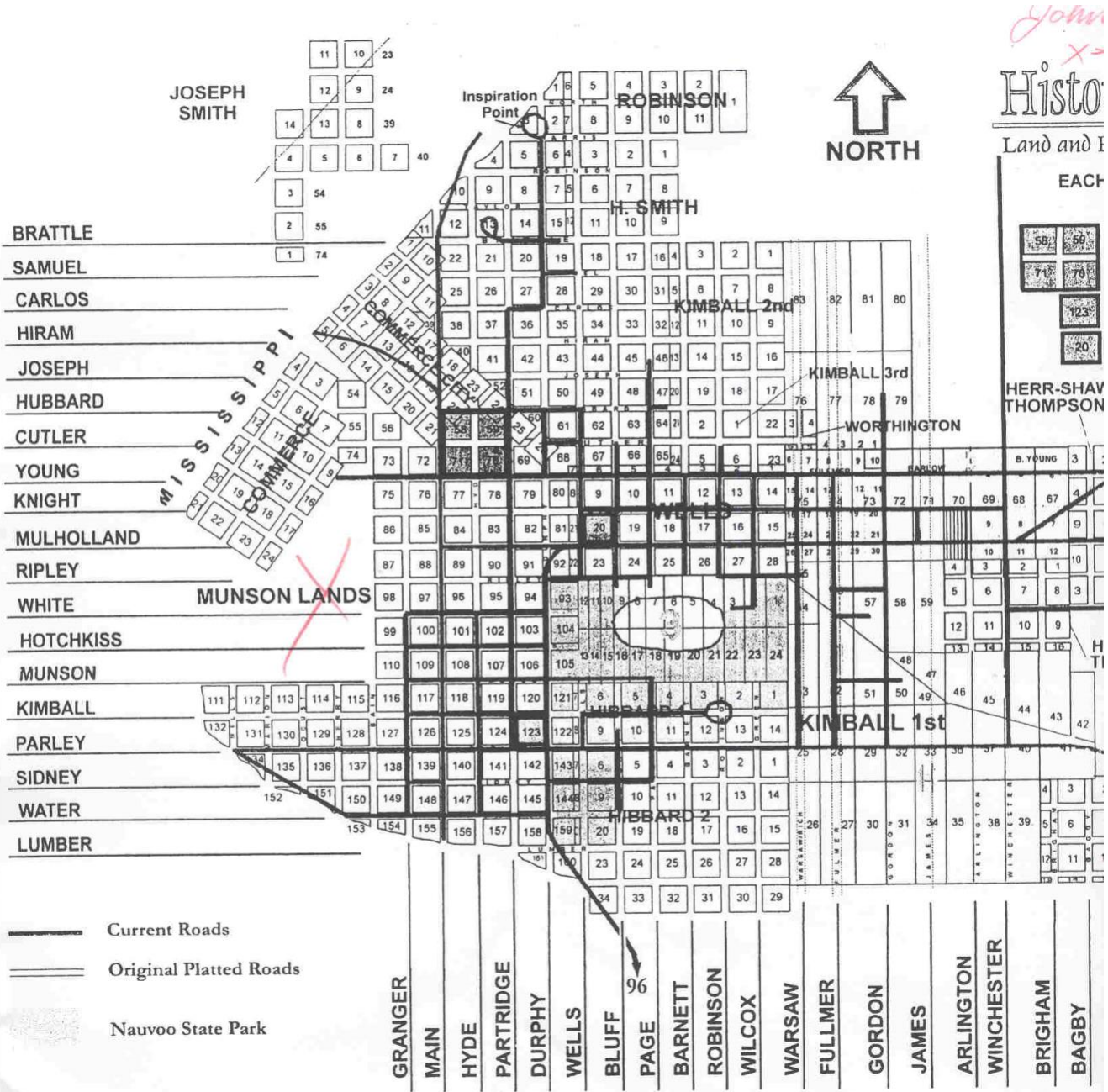


**Nauvoo buildings**



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## Nauvoo

The Department of Conservation announced that it was Illinois' largest city with a population of 27,000 in 1844.



Leaving Nauvoo

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## Many Lost Lives

**T**ravel across the plains and mountains in covered wagons, pulling handcarts, or even on foot allowed for only primitive cooking, usually over an open fire and often scanty fuel. Families traveled fifteen to twenty miles a day, often eating cold stew, beans, or porridge three times a day.

All along those hundreds of miles of treacherous and difficult trail, the settlers carried the necessary supplies for survival. Food carried in the wagons had to be lightweight and nourishing and to keep well. When the supplies were gone, the pioneers wrested a living from the land. Their intuition plus their instinct for survival taught them to draw the best from the land in plant and animal nourishment. Impoverished, they learned to eat the tender sego-lily root, the nettle, and the various herbs and grasses that provided sustenance during the trek and early days of settlement.

The westward migrants usually began their journey with rations that included flour, bacon, and dried apples. The prices of food listed in St. Louis in 1847 give a clue to the kinds of provisions they carried: cornmeal, 25¢ a bushel; ginger, 11¢ a pound; lard, 3½¢ a pound; dried apples, 50¢ a bushel.

A recommended list of provisions for a family of five to equip them for the pioneer wilderness journey was published in the *Nauvoo (Illinois) Neighbor* on October 29, 1845. It included the following:

1 good strong wagon box well covered

- 2 or 3 good yoke of oxen between the age of 4 and 10 years.
- 2 or more milch cows.
- 1 or more good beefs.
- 3 sheep if they can be obtained.
- 1000 lbs. of flour or other bread, or bread stuffs in good sacks.
- 1 good musket or rifle to each male over the age of twelve years.
- 1 lb. powder.
- 4 lbs. lead . . . .
- 100 [lbs.] sugar
- 1 [lb.] cayenne pepper . . . .
- ½lb. mustard
- 10 [lbs.] rice for each family
- 1 [lb.] cinnamon
- ½ [lb.] cloves
- 1 doz. nutmegs.
- 25 lbs. salt
- 10 [lbs.] dried apples
- 1 bush. of beans
- A few lbs. of dried beef or bacon.
- 5 lbs. dried peaches.
- 20 [lbs.] pumpkin
- 25 [lbs.] seed grain . . . .
- 20 lbs. of soap each family.
- 4 or 5 fish hooks and lines . . . .
- Cooking utensils to consist of bake kettle, fryingpan . . . .
- Tin cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons, and pans as few as will do.
- A good tent and furniture to each 2 families.
- Clothing and bedding to each family, not to exceed 500 pounds.

(B. H. Roberts, *A Comprehensive History of the Church*, vol. 2, pp. 439-40.)



Sons of Utah Pioneers



**Rocky Ridge**





Entering the Salt Lake Valley



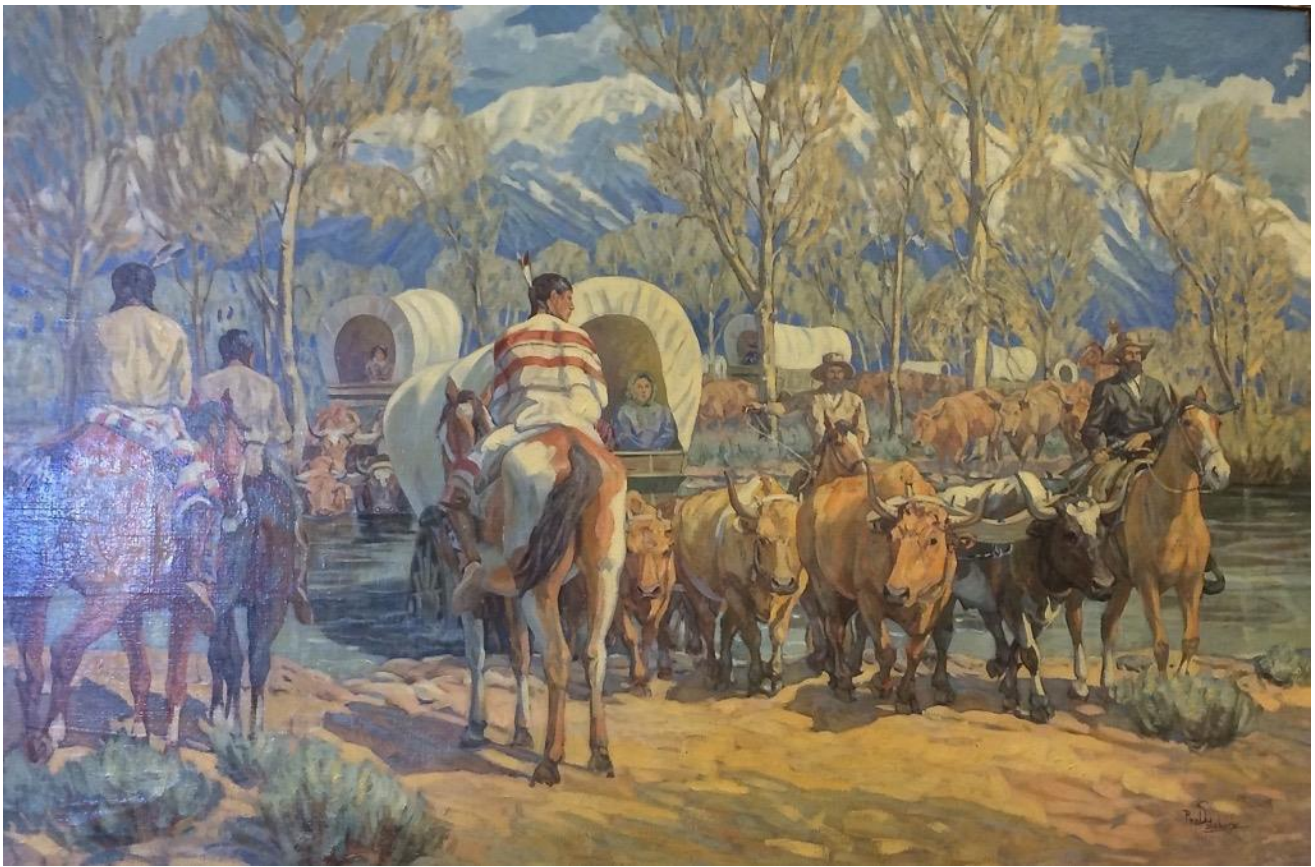
Today's "This is the Place Monument" at the mouth of the canyon into Salt Lake

The Mormon trail of 1300 miles of wilderness from 1846 to 1869 from Nauvoo Illinois to Salt Lake City was traveled by 14,000 members of the Church. About 3,000 handcart pioneers made the trip.



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**First Winter**



**Early Settlers in Utah Valley** by Paul Salisbury Sons of Utah Pioneers





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**Mormon Battalion, Sutter's Mill** was a sawmill, owned by 19th-century pioneer John Sutter, where gold was found by a member of the John C. Marshall Battalion, recorded in the diary of Henry W. Bigler, thus setting off the California Gold Rush, a major event of the history of the United States. It was located on the bank of the South Fork American River in Coloma, California and is nowadays part of the Historic State Park. - Wikipedia.





Fort Utah 1849-50 in Provo Utah

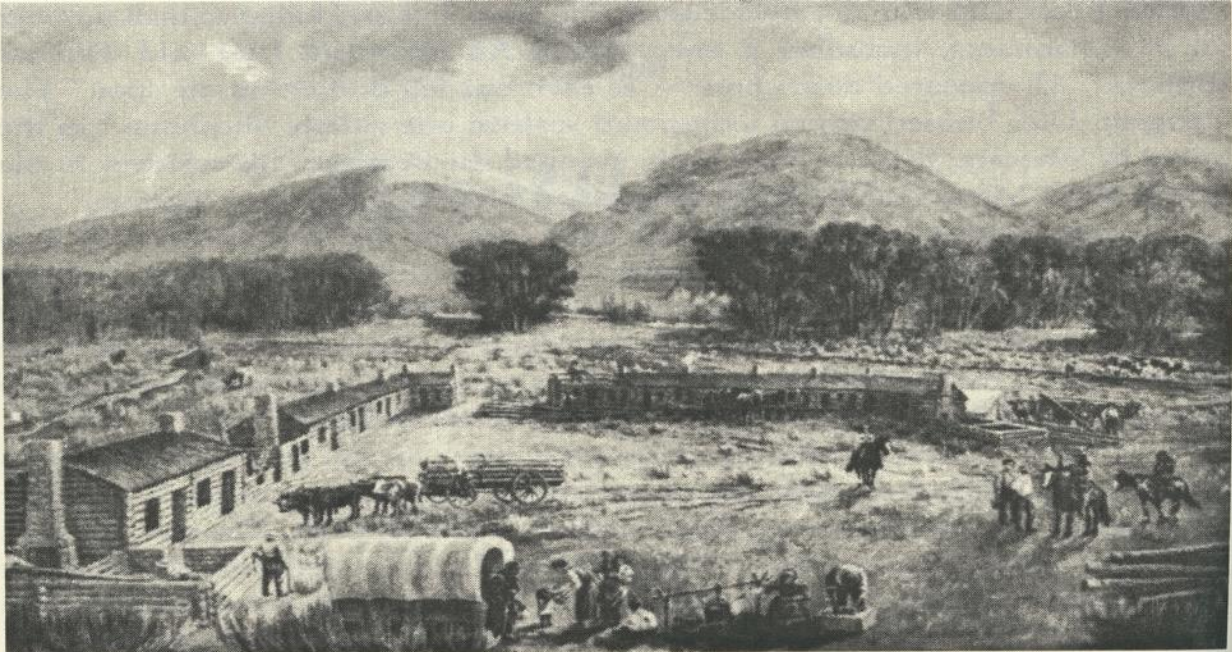


FIGURE 4

*Fort Provo.* During the summer of 1850, settlers began building Fort Provo. It stood in what is now North or Sowiette Park at 500 North and 500 West. Samuel Hans Jepperson painted this scene showing the construction of the fort. Squaw Peak and "Y" Mountain rise in the background. CLARENCE D. TAYLOR COLLECTION.

1853

D. Robert Carter *Founding Fort Utah*



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Salt Lake Tabernacle, Granite stones hauled from mountains to form a magnificent temple, a forty-year labor.



Timbers supporting Tabernacle Ceiling



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## Conference Center

Church “Lord’s house in the mountains” Isaiah



(L-R) Tabernacle, Visitors Center, Convention Center, Relief Society Building, Salt Lake Temple  
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And it shall come to pass in the last days the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. Isaiah 2:2



Marriage in the Salt Lake Temple Dave and Doris Kay Olpin 1957



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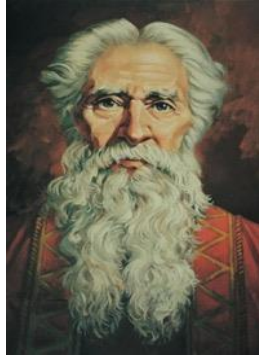
**Salt Lake City Conference Center seats 21,000 – organ with 7708 pipes**



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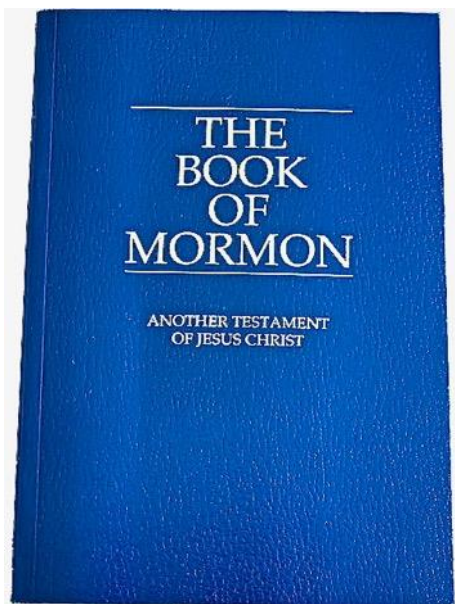
## A Marvelous Work and a Wonder



Wherefore the Lord said,  
Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth,  
and with their lips do honour me,  
but have removed their heart far from me,  
and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

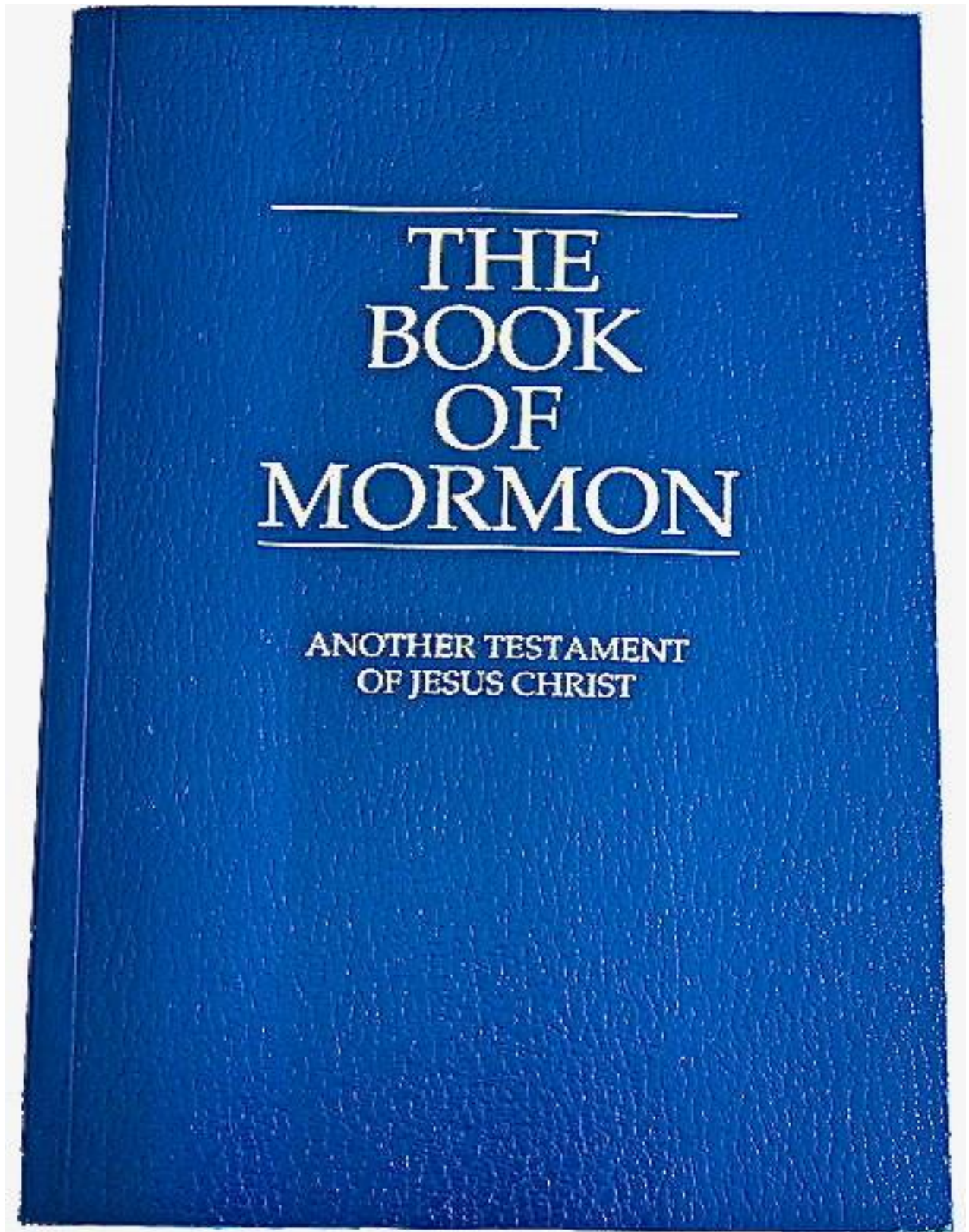
Therefore, behold,  
**I will proceed to do a marvelous work  
among this people,  
even a marvelous work and a wonder:**  
for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Isaiah 29:13-14

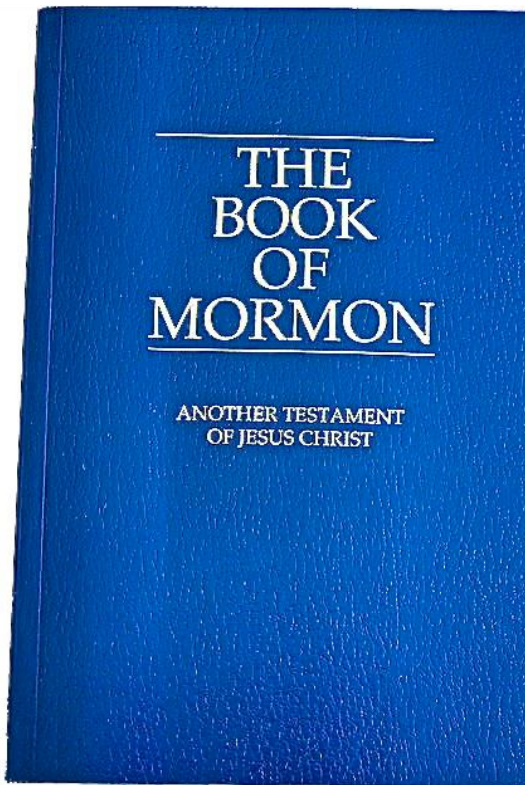


And I saw **another angel** fly in the midst  
of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel**  
to preach unto them that dwell on the  
earth, and to every nation, and  
kindred, and tongue, and people,

Revelations 14:6



**The Book of Mormon 2nd most printed book in history**



## Translated into 115 languages

To See Complete List of Book of Mormon Translations

[Click Here](#)

The reader is invited to review the astonishingly large total number of 150 million Books of Mormon serving the world, named countries and their languages as a very literal fulfillment of the Book of Revelation prophecy.

## Angel Moroni atop nearly 300 world temples

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As of 2021, the [Book of Mormon](#) has been translated into 115 languages, and there are active projects to translate it into a number of other languages. Portions of the Book, as opposed to complete translations, have also been conducted for another 20 languages.



# Names of Christ in the Book of Mormon

By **Susan Ward Easton Black Durrant**

**Even statistically, he's the dominant figure of the Book of Mormon.**

The Book of Mormon was preserved to come forth in these latter days **that Jesus is the Christ**, the Eternal God." Its purpose is to of the Nazarene to those who "ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ." ([Moro. 10:4](#).)

The divinity of Christ is proclaimed by prophets in the Book of Mormon. They had a conviction of his divinity because the Holy Ghost had revealed it unto them.

Through the instrumentality of the Holy Ghost, these prophets also knew that their writings were to bear testimony that Jesus is the Christ. This they solemnly did, more than I had ever realized. In a word-by-word study, I have found some form of **the Lord's name mentioned an average of every 1.7 verses in the Book of Mormon. (See Table 1.)** I have found that the Savior is referred to by one hundred **different names**—from the first reference to him as "Lord" in 1 Nephi 1:1 [[1 Ne. 1:1](#)] to the final reference to him as "the Eternal Judge" in Moroni 10:34. [[Moro. 10:34](#)] (See Table 2.)

For example, "Savior" means that Christ came to save his people from their sins. "Holy One" signifies that he is holy and without sin, being perfect in all things. "God of the Whole Earth" reflects his universal interest in all men and their redemption. "Lord of Hosts" indicates that Christ is a God of battles. And "Lord Omnipotent" means that Christ is the Lord of all, possessing all power. The names given to our Lord take on new significance when they are approached through a thoughtful and sensitive study of their meanings. His profound character, his singular mission, and his divine relationship to man are thereby more clearly revealed. Further understanding of man's relationship to Christ, the central figure of the Book of Mormon, occurs through a study of the periods of apostasy, contention, and war. Fewer references to Christ are made during these periods of darkness, probably because his influence is lessened due to the unrighteous actions of man. (See [Alma 50–59](#), for example.) During periods of peace, joy, and prosperity, which come through man's keeping the commandments, the names of Christ are used profusely, indicating the abundant presence of his Spirit. (See [4 Ne. 1](#), for example.) Thus, the righteous actions of the people brought the influence and blessings of Christ among them. characteristic of the Lord to convince "the Jew and Gentile verify the divine Sonship Each of the one hundred names signifies a different attribute or and what his mission represents. and was used appropriately to convey the prophets' recognition of who he is Being aware of the number of references to Christ, having an understanding of the meanings for each name, and knowing when his influence can be greatest upon the earth can inspire reverential awe for our Savior. The witness of his divinity, however, must come personally to each of us—we cannot rely exclusively on the testimonies of others. the Eternal Father, manifests the truth of it "by the power of the Holy Ghost."

The conviction that Jesus is the Christ occurs only when God, ([Moroni. 10:4](#).) To the prayerful and the sincere, the Book of Mormon bears a powerful testimony that "Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God."

## Average Number of References to Christ's Name Per Verse of the Book of Mormon

Names, One Specific Verse Using This Name, Total Number of Times the Name Appears

1. Almighty <a href="#">2 Ne. 23:6</a> 2	<a href="#">1 Ne. 12:18</a> 6	25. God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob	1
2. Almighty God <a href="#">Jacob 2:10</a> 4	14. Eternal Head <a href="#">Hel. 13:38</a> 1	<a href="#">1 Ne. 19:10</a> 1	37. Holy God <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:39</a> 2
3. Alpha and Omega <a href="#">3 Ne. 9:18</a> 1	15. Eternal Judge <a href="#">Moro. 10:34</a> 1	26. God of Isaac <a href="#">Alma 29:11</a> 5	38. Holy Messiah <a href="#">2 Ne. 2:6</a> 2
4. Being <a href="#">Mosiah 4:19</a> 5	16. Everlasting Father <a href="#">2 Ne. 19:6</a> 3	27. God of Israel <a href="#">1 Ne. 19:7</a> 11	39. Holy One <a href="#">2 Ne. 2:10</a> 8
5. Beloved <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:15</a> 2	17. Everlasting God <a href="#">1 Ne. 15:15</a> 2	28. God of Jacob <a href="#">2 Ne. 12:3</a> 6	40. Holy One of Israel <a href="#">1 Ne. 19:14</a> 40
6. Beloved Son <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:11</a> 3	18. Father <a href="#">Jacob 7:22</a> 31	29. God of miracles <a href="#">2 Ne. 27:23</a> 1	41. Holy One of Jacob <a href="#">2 Ne. 27:34</a> 1
7. Christ <a href="#">2 Ne. 10:3</a> 312	19. Father of heaven <a href="#">1 Ne. 22:9</a> 1	30. God of nature <a href="#">1 Ne. 19:12</a> 1	42. Husband <a href="#">3 Ne. 22:5</a> 1
8. Christ Jesus <a href="#">Alma 5:44</a> 1	20. Father of heaven and of earth <a href="#">Hel. 14:12</a> 2	31. God of the whole earth <a href="#">3 Ne. 11:14</a> 2	43. Immanuel <a href="#">2 Ne. 18:8</a> 2
9. Christ the Son <a href="#">Alma 11:44</a> 1	21. Founder of Peace <a href="#">Mosiah 15:18</a> 1	32. Good shepherd <a href="#">Alma 5:38</a> 8	44. Jehovah <a href="#">Moro. 10:34</a> 1
10. Counselor <a href="#">2 Ne. 19:6</a> 1	22. God <a href="#">2 Ne. 1:22</a> <b>1,361</b>	33. Great Creator <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:5</a> 2	45. Jesus <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:10</a> 113
11. Creator <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:5</a> 7	23. God of Abraham <a href="#">1 Ne. 19:10</a> 5	34. Great Spirit <a href="#">Alma 18:2</a> 18	46. Jesus Christ <a href="#">2 Ne. 25:19</a> 51
12. Eternal Father <a href="#">Mosiah 15:4</a> 4	24. God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob <a href="#">Mosiah 7:19</a> 2	35. Head <a href="#">Jacob 4:17</a> 3	47. Keeper of the gate <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:41</a> 1
13. Eternal God		36. Holy Child <a href="#">Moro. 8:3</a>	48. King <a href="#">2 Ne. 16:5</a> 4

49. King of heaven <a href="#">2 Ne. 10:14</a> 1	61. Lord of the Vineyard <a href="#">Jacob 5:8</a> 33	5	84. Shepherd <a href="#">1 Ne. 13:41</a> 1
50. Lamb <a href="#">1 Ne. 13:35</a> 34	62. Lord Omnipotent <a href="#">Mosiah 3:5</a> 5	<a href="#">2 Ne. 25:12</a> 4	85. Son <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:13</a> 44
51. Lamb of God <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:10</a> 35	63. Maker <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:40</a> 5	74. Only Begotten Son <a href="#">Jacob 4:5</a> 5	86. Son of God <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:17</a> 51
52. Lord <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:14</a> <b>1,350</b>	64. Man <a href="#">3 Ne. 11:8</a> 1	75. Prince of Peace <a href="#">2 Ne. 19:6</a> 1	87. Son of Righteousness <a href="#">Ether 9:22</a> 3
53. Lord God <a href="#">2 Ne. 1:5</a> 104	65. Master <a href="#">Jacob 5:4</a> 7	76. Prophet <a href="#">1 Ne. 22:20</a> 6	88. Son of the Eternal Father <a href="#">1 Ne. 11:21</a> 2
54. Lord God Almighty <a href="#">2 Ne. 9:46</a> 4	66. Mediator <a href="#">2 Ne. 2:28</a> 1	77. Redeemer <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:6</a> 37	89. Son of the Everlasting God <a href="#">1 Ne. 11:32</a> 1
55. Lord God Omnipotent <a href="#">Mosiah 3:21</a> 1	67. Messiah <a href="#">1 Ne. 1:19</a> 28	78. Redeemer of Israel <a href="#">1 Ne. 21:7</a> 1	90. Son of the Living God <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:16</a> 4
56. Lord God of Hosts <a href="#">2 Ne. 13:15</a> 5	68. Mighty God <a href="#">2 Ne. 6:17</a> 3	79. Redeemer of the world <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:5</a> 2	91. Son of the Most High God <a href="#">1 Ne. 11:6</a> 1
57. Lord Jehovah <a href="#">2 Ne. 22:2</a> 1	69. Mighty One of Israel <a href="#">1 Ne. 22:12</a> 1	80. Rock <a href="#">1 Ne. 15:15</a> 7	92. Stone <a href="#">Jacob 4:16</a> 2
58. Lord Jesus <a href="#">Moro. 6:6</a> 2	70. Mighty One of Jacob <a href="#">1 Ne. 21:26</a> 2	81. Savior <a href="#">2 Ne. 31:13</a> 8	93. Supreme Being <a href="#">Alma 11:22</a> 1
59. Lord Jesus Christ <a href="#">Mosiah 3:12</a> 14	71. Most High <a href="#">2 Ne. 24:14</a> 1	82. Savior Jesus Christ <a href="#">3 Ne. 5:20</a> 2	94. Supreme Creator <a href="#">Alma 30:44</a> 1
60. Lord of Hosts <a href="#">1 Ne. 20:2</a> 52	72. Most High God <a href="#">Alma 26:14</a>	83. Savior of the world <a href="#">1 Ne. 10:4</a> 2	

95. True and Living  
God

[1 Ne. 17:30](#)  
1

96. True Messiah

[2 Ne. 1:10](#)  
2

97. True Shepherd

[Hel. 15:13](#)  
1

98. True Vine

[1 Ne. 15:15](#)  
1

99. Well Beloved

[Hel. 5:47](#)  
3

100. Wonderful

[2 Ne. 19:6](#)  
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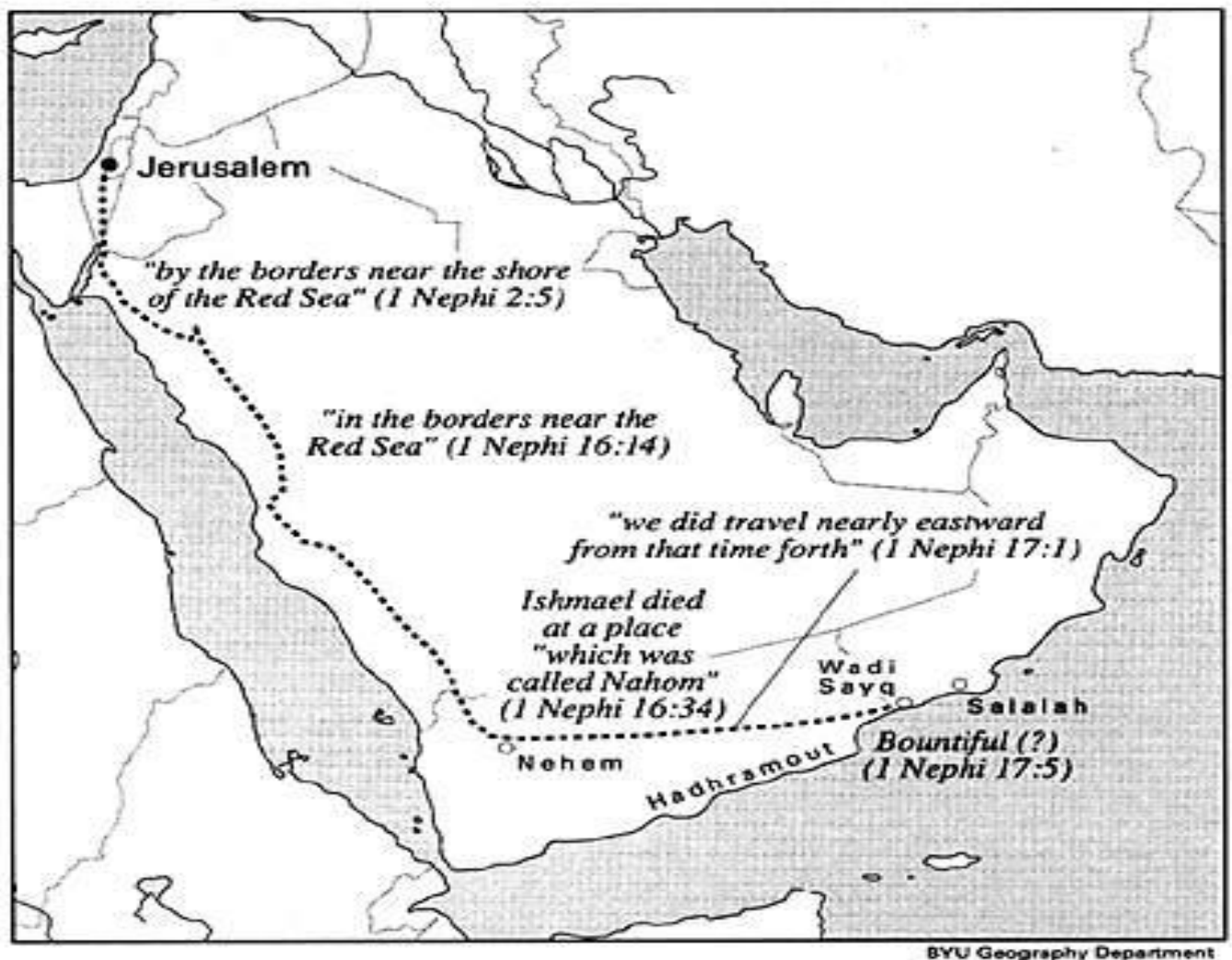
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## A GREAT APOSTASY AS SEEN IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

### 1 Nephi 13:24-26

24 And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the **book**• proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew **it contained the fulness of the gospel** of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God.

25 Wherefore, these things go forth from the **Jews**• in purity unto the **Gentiles**, according to the truth which is in God.

26 And after they go forth by the **hand**• of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews **unto**• the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that **great**• and abominable **church**, which is most abominable above all other churches; **FOR BEHOLD, THEY HAVE TAKEN• AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL OF THE LAMB MANY PARTS WHICH ARE PLAIN AND MOST PRECIOUS; AND ALSO MANY COVENANTS OF THE LORD HAVE THEY TAKEN AWAY.**

27 And all this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord, that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men.

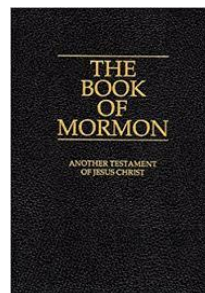
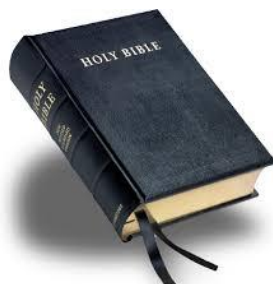
### 2 Nephi. 3:12

12 Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall **write**; and the fruit of the loins of **Judah**• shall **write**; and that which shall be **written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding• of false doctrines and laying down of contentions**, and establishing **peace** among the fruit of thy loins, and **bringing**• them to the **knowledge**• of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord. Ezekiel 37:16-20.

### Ezekiel 37:19

#### Two Ancient witnesses of Jesus Christ

Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; “Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, (The Book of Mormon) which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah (The Holy Bible), and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.”



# The Most Precious Parts of the Gospel Changed

1. PERSONALITY OF GOD CONFUSED. (THE TRINITY)<sup>[L] [SEP]</sup>
2. FORM OF BAPTISM CHANGED. (INFANT BAPTISM AND SPRINKLING)
3. FORM OF SACRAMENT CHANGED. (TRANSUBSTANTIATION)<sup>[L] [SEP]</sup>
4. AARONIC AND MELCHIZEDEK PRESTHOODS REMOVED
5. SIMPLICITY OF WORSHIP LOST – CEREMONY AND PAGEANTRY.
6. VICARIOUS WORK FOR THE DEAD DISREGARDED.
7. CONTINUOUS REVELATION IGNORED, DENIED AND LOST.
8. SELLING OF INDULGENCES INTRODUCED. (Martin Luther 95 Thesis)
9. READING OF SCRIPTURES BANNED.
10. CHURCH SOUGHT WEALTH AND POLITICAL POWER.
11. LEARNING SUPPRESSED AND MARRIAGE PERVERTED.
12. CHRIST'S PERFECTLY ORGANIZED CHURCH NO LONGER EXISTED.



## The Only True God and Jesus Christ Whom He Hath Sent

Jeffery R. Holland

*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

**We declare it is self-evident from the scriptures that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are separate persons, three divine beings.**

As Elder Ballard noted earlier in this session, various cross-currents of our times have brought increasing public attention to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Lord told the ancients this latter-day work would be “a marvellous work and a wonder,”<sup>1</sup> and it is. But even as we invite one and all to examine closely the *marvel* of it, there is one thing we would not like anyone to *wonder* about—that is whether or not we are “Christians.”

By and large any controversy in this matter has swirled around two doctrinal issues—our view of the Godhead and our belief in the principle of continuing revelation leading to an open scriptural canon. In addressing this we do not need to be apologists for our faith, but we would like not to be misunderstood. So with a desire to increase understanding and unequivocally declare our Christianity, I speak today on the first of those two doctrinal issues just mentioned.

Our first and foremost article of faith in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is

“We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.”<sup>2</sup> We believe these three divine persons constituting a single Godhead are united in purpose, in manner, in testimony, in mission. We believe Them to be filled with the same godly sense of mercy and love, justice and grace, patience, forgiveness, and redemption. I think it is accurate to say we believe They are one in every significant and eternal aspect imaginable *except* believing Them to be three persons combined in one substance, a Trinitarian notion never set forth in the scriptures because it is not true.

Indeed no less a source than the stalwart *Harper’s Bible Dictionary* records that “the formal doctrine of the Trinity as it was defined by the great church councils of the fourth and fifth centuries is *not* to be found in the [New Testament].”<sup>3</sup>

So any criticism that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not hold the contemporary Christian view of God, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost is *not* a comment about our commitment to Christ but rather a recognition

(accurate, I might add) that our view of the Godhead breaks with post-New Testament Christian history and returns to the doctrine taught by Jesus Himself. Now, a word about that post-New Testament history might be helpful. In the year A.D. 325 the Roman emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea to address—among other things—the growing issue of God’s alleged “trinity in unity.” What emerged from the heated contentions of churchmen, philosophers, and ecclesiastical dignitaries came to be known (after another 125 years and three more major councils)<sup>4</sup> as the Nicene Creed, with later reformulations such as the Athanasian Creed. These various evolutions and iterations of creeds—and others to come over the centuries—declared the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be abstract, absolute, transcendent, immanent, consubstantial, coeternal, and unknowable, without body, parts, or passions and dwelling outside space and time. In such creeds all three members are separate persons, but they are a single being, the oft-noted “mystery of the trinity.” They are three distinct persons, yet not three Gods but one. All three persons are incomprehensible, yet it is one God who is incomprehensible.

We agree with our critics on at least that point—that such a formulation for divinity is truly incomprehensible. With such a confusing definition of God being imposed upon the church, little wonder that a fourth-century monk cried out, “Woe is me! They have taken my God away from me, ... and I know not whom to adore or to address.”<sup>5</sup> How *are* we to trust, love, worship, to say nothing of strive to be like, One who is incomprehensible and unknowable? What of Jesus’s prayer to His Father in Heaven that “this is life eternal, that they might *know thee* the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom *thou* hast sent”?<sup>6</sup>

It is not our purpose to demean any person’s belief nor the doctrine of any religion. We extend to all the same respect for their doctrine that we are asking for ours. (That, too, is an article of our faith.) But if one says we are not

Christians because we do not hold a fourth- or fifth-century view of the Godhead, then what of those first Christian Saints, many of whom were eyewitnesses of the living Christ, who did not hold such a view either?<sup>7</sup>

We declare it is self-evident from the scriptures that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are separate persons, three divine beings, noting such unequivocal illustrations as the Savior’s great Intercessory Prayer just mentioned, His baptism at the hands of John, the experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, and the martyrdom of Stephen—to name just four.

With these New Testament sources and more<sup>8</sup> ringing in our ears, it may be redundant to ask what Jesus meant when He said, “The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do.”<sup>9</sup> On another occasion He said, “I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”<sup>10</sup> Of His antagonists He said, “[They have] ... seen and hated both me and my Father.”<sup>11</sup> And there is, of course, that always deferential subordination to His Father that had Jesus say, “Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.”<sup>12</sup> “My father is greater than I.”<sup>13</sup>

To whom was Jesus pleading so fervently all those years, including in such anguished cries as “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me”<sup>14</sup> and “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me”?<sup>15</sup> To acknowledge the scriptural evidence that otherwise perfectly united members of the Godhead are nevertheless separate and distinct beings is not to be guilty of polytheism; it is, rather, part of the great revelation Jesus came to deliver concerning the nature of divine beings. Perhaps the Apostle Paul said it best: “Christ Jesus ... being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”<sup>16</sup>

A related reason The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is excluded from the Christian category by some is because we believe, as did the ancient prophets and apostles, in an embodied—but certainly glorified—God.<sup>17</sup> To those who criticize this scripturally based belief, I ask at least rhetorically: If the idea of an

embodied God is repugnant, why are the central doctrines and singularly most distinguishing characteristics of all Christianity the Incarnation, the Atonement, and the physical Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ? If having a body is not only not needed but not desirable by Deity, why did the Redeemer of mankind redeem *His* body, redeeming it from the grasp of death and the grave, guaranteeing it would never again be separated from His spirit in time or eternity?<sup>18</sup> *Any who dismiss the concept of an embodied God dismiss both the mortal and the resurrected Christ.* No one claiming to be a true Christian will want to do that.

Now, to anyone within the sound of my voice who has wondered regarding our Christianity, I bear this witness. I testify that Jesus Christ is the literal, living Son of our literal, living God. This Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer who, under the guidance of the Father, was the Creator of heaven and earth and all things that in them are. I bear witness that He was born of a virgin mother, that in His lifetime He performed mighty miracles observed by legions of His disciples and by His enemies as well. I testify that He had power over death because He was divine but that He willingly subjected Himself to death for our sake because for a period of time He was also mortal. I declare that in His willing submission to death He took upon Himself the sins of the world, paying an infinite price for every sorrow and sickness, every heartache and unhappiness from Adam to the end of the world. In doing so He conquered both the grave physically and hell spiritually and set the human family free. I bear witness that He was literally resurrected from the tomb and, after

ascending to His Father to complete the process of that Resurrection, He appeared, repeatedly, to hundreds of disciples in the Old World and in the New. I know He is the Holy One of Israel, the Messiah who will one day come again in final glory, to reign on earth as Lord of lords and King of kings. I know that there is no other name given under heaven whereby a man can be saved and that only by relying wholly upon His merits, mercy, and everlasting grace<sup>19</sup> can we gain eternal life.

My additional testimony regarding this resplendent doctrine is that in preparation for His millennial latter-day reign, Jesus has already come, more than once, in embodied majestic glory. In the spring of 1820, a 14-year-old boy, confused by many of these very doctrines that still confuse much of Christendom, went into a grove of trees to pray. In answer to that earnest prayer offered at such a tender age, the Father and the Son appeared as embodied, glorified beings to the boy prophet Joseph Smith. That day marked the beginning of the return of the true, New Testament gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the restoration of other prophetic truths offered from Adam down to the present day.

I testify that my witness of these things is true and that the heavens are open to all who seek the same confirmation. Through the Holy Spirit of Truth, may we all know "the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom [He has] sent."<sup>20</sup> Then may we live Their teachings and be true Christians in deed, as well as in word, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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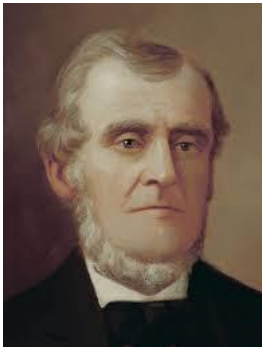
## **Thirty Challenges The Book of Mormon Makes To The World**

The following conditions must be complied with  
in order to produce a similar record under comparable conditions.

1. You are twenty–three years of age.
2. You have had no more than three years of formal education
3. Write a history of ancient Tibet covering a period from between 2200 BC to 400 AD.
4. Include in the history two distinct and separate nations along with the history of different contemporary nations or groups of people.
5. Describe their religious, economic, social, and political cultures and institutions.
6. Weave into it the history of the religion of Jesus Christ and the pattern of Christian living.
7. Start now and produce this record covering a period of two thousand years of history in sixty days.
8. Write not a short, but a long record, even 531 pages.
9. You must never make any absurd, impossible or contradictory statement.
10. When you finish in sixty days, you must make no change in the text...the first edition must stand forever.
11. Your "smooth narrative" cannot be fiction, but a true, and a sacred history.
12. You must invite the ablest scholars and experts to examine your text with care, and strive diligently to see that the book gets into the hands of those most eager to prove it a forgery and who are most competent to expose every flaw in it.
13. You must publish it to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, declaring it to be "the Word of God."
14. You must write this history on the basis of what you now know.
15. You must include within the record itself this marvelous, unique, and "dangerous" promise: "And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost."
16. It is to fulfill Bible prophecies, even in the exact manner in which it shall come forth, to whom given, purposes, accomplishments, etc.
17. Your description of cultures in these civilizations is not known to you when you bring forth this record. Very, very little is even claimed to be known about this civilization and its 2600 years of history.
18. Many of the facts ideas and statements given as record must be entirely consistent, even the direct opposite of the prevailing beliefs of the world.
19. Thorough investigation, scientific evidence and archaeological discovery for the next 175 years must verify its claims and prove even the most minute details to be perfectly true.
20. After over 175 years of extensive analysis no claim or fact in the book is disproved, but all is vindicated. All theories and ideas as to its origin rise and then fall, leave your own claim as the only possible one.
21. There can be no flaw whatsoever in the entire book.
22. Internal and external evidences and prophecies must be confirmed and fulfilled in the next 175 years.
23. Four honest, credible witnesses must testify to the whole world that an angel from heaven appeared to them and showed them the ancient records.
24. These four men must handle, heft, and feel the ancient engravings.
25. You must call out of heaven the voice of The Redeemer to declare to these four men.
26. Eight others in broad daylight must testify to the world that they saw and handled the ancient records.
27. They must all bear their testimony, not for profit, or gain, but under great personal sacrifice and persecution, even unto their deathbeds.
28. Thousands of great men, intellectual giants, and scholars must subscribe disciplinship to this record and its movement, even to the point of laying down their lives.
29. After suffering persecution and revilement for the next twenty years, you must then be willing to give your own life for its testimony that the record is from God.
30. Over a million missionaries must go into the world, unpaid, proclaiming your book to be the word of God.

**Elder Hugh B. Brown**

Miracle Printing of the Book of Mormon



“Martin Harris One of Martin Harris’s greatest contributions to the Church, for which he should be honored for all time, was his financing the publication of the Book of Mormon. In August 1829 he mortgaged his home and farm to Egbert B. Grandin to secure payment on the printer’s contract. Seven months later, the 5,000 copies of the first printing of the Book of Mormon were completed. When he reiterated his testimony of the Book of Mormon in the closing days of his life, Martin Harris declared, “I tell you of these things that you may tell others that what I have said is true, and I dare not deny it; I heard the voice of God commanding me to testify to the same.”

- President Dallin H. Oaks



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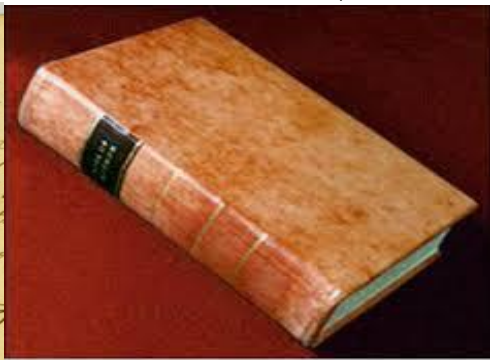
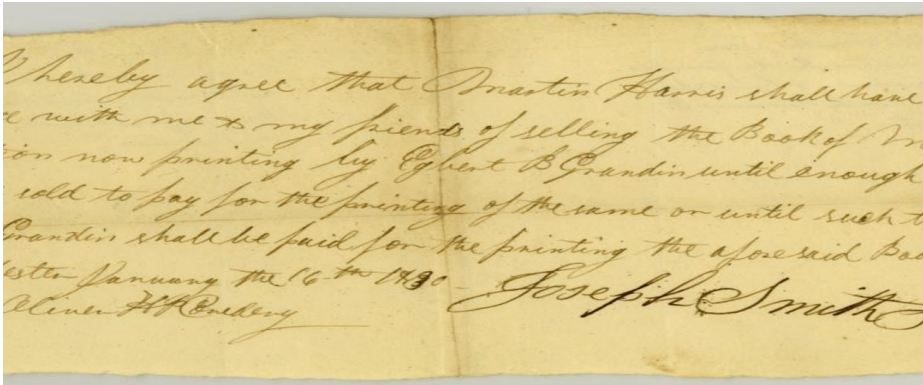


photo of an original 1830 printing of "The Book of Mormon"

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First printing of the Book of Mormon - 5,000 copies by the very first of a new printing process in America



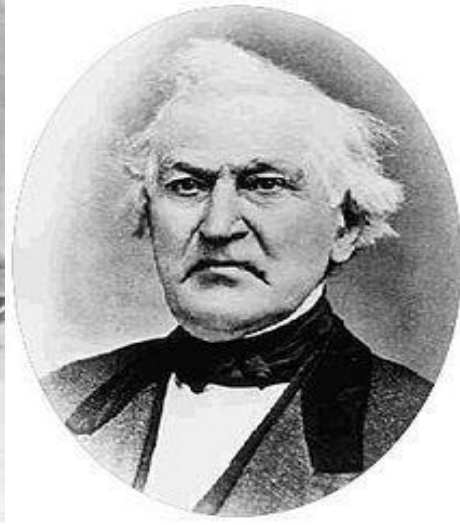
## Three Witnesses



Oliver Cowdery



Martin Harris



David Whitmer

All three witnesses eventually broke with Smith and were excommunicated from the [church](#).<sup>[1]</sup> In 1838, Joseph Smith called Cowdery, Harris, and Whitmer "too mean to mention; and we had liked to have forgotten them." Oliver Cowdery temporarily became a member of the Methodist Church, while Martin Harris adopted some Shaker beliefs. After the death of Joseph Smith, Harris and Cowdery sought rebaptism in [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)<sup>[3][4]</sup> and Whitmer founded the [Church of Christ \(Whitmerite\)](#).<sup>[5]</sup>

## The Eight Witnesses

Unlike the Three Witnesses, the Eight testified that they both saw and handled the plates. Another difference is that the Eight testified they were shown the plates by [Joseph Smith](#) rather than by an angel as had the Three. Christian Whitmer died in 1835 and his brother Peter Whitmer, Jr. died the following year. In 1838, the surviving Whitmers became estranged from Joseph Smith during a leadership struggle in [Far West, Missouri](#), and all three were excommunicated with other dissenters, never to rejoin The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. **None of the Eight Witnesses is known to have denied his testimony of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon or the golden plates.**

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### Apologetics

- LDS church leaders and student manuals note that **none of the witnesses ever denied his testimony as it was printed in the Book of Mormon nor denied that Smith was a true prophet at the time he translated the book.**
- Apologists note that after being excommunicated, Harris and Cowdery later returned to the church

[VIDEO: Evidences of the Book of Mormon: Plates](#)



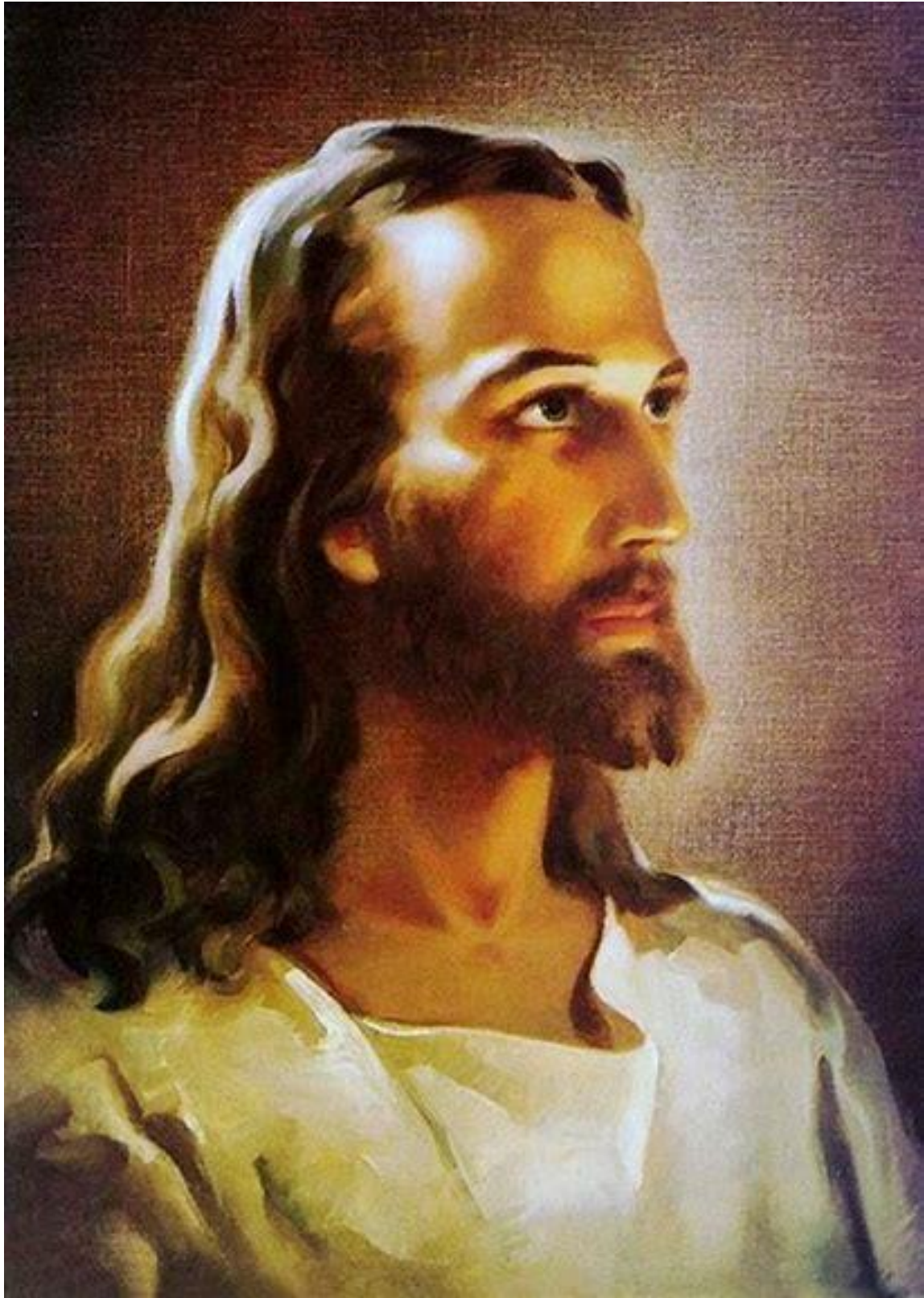
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St. George Temple. The first Utah temple



Personal

The <sup>a</sup>soul shall be <sup>b</sup>restored to the <sup>c</sup>body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a <sup>d</sup>hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and <sup>e</sup>perfect frame. Alma 40:23



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## How Can I Know?



**You can know this message is true.**

## **FASTING AND PRAYER**

If you ask your Heavenly Father in prayer,  
you can receive an answer from Him  
through the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is also called  
the Spirit of God,  
and one of His roles is to witness,  
or testify of the truth.

The purpose of the Book of Mormon stands as a powerful second testament of the divinity of Jesus Christ before his second coming



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**Christ's Second Coming.**

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For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fullness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For the hour is nigh, and that which was spoken by mine apostles must be fulfilled; for as they spoke so shall it come to pass;

For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

*“And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words. For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.”*

—Moses 1: 38-39

**“Ye shall know**

**them by their fruits,”**

**he said.**

**“Do men gather grapes of thorns,**

**or figs of thistles?”**

**“Even so every good tree**

**bringeth forth good fruits;**

**but a corrupt tree**

**bringeth forth evil fruit.**

**“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can  
a corrupt tree**

**bring forth good fruit.**

**“Wherefore by their fruits  
ye shall know them.”**

**(Matt. 7:15–20)**

## Latter-day Saints of Prominence---Wikipedia with Personal Histories

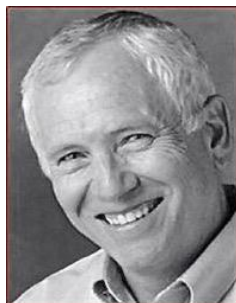
### Artists



- [Truman O. Angell](#), architect and designer of the Salt Lake Temple<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Wulf Barsch](#), German-born artist and art professor at Brigham Young University<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Earl W. Bascom](#), cowboy artist and sculptor
- [Milo Baughman](#), modern furniture designer<sup>[1]</sup>
- [Johan Benthin](#), Danish painter and sculptor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Blair Buswell](#), American artist<sup>[2]</sup>



- [C. C. A. Christensen](#), Danish-American pioneer artist! artist who is known for his paintings illustrating the history of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) (LDS Church).<sup>[1]</sup> Of him it has been said that he "did more than any other person to capture the images of the history of [Mormon migration to Utah](#) and the life lived there".<sup>[2]</sup>



- [James C. Christensen](#), painter and former [BYU](#) professor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Willard Clawson](#), Utah artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

- [Rose Datoc Dall](#), Filipina-American painter<sup>[3]</sup>
- [Gregg Deal](#), American Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Performance, Street Art, Painting<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Soren Edsberg](#), Danish-born painter, adjunct professor at [BYU](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Avard Fairbanks](#), sculptor; son of John B. Fairbanks! Over his eighty-year career, he sculpted over 100 public monuments and hundreds of artworks.<sup>[1]</sup>
- [John B. Fairbanks](#), muralist; father to Avard Fairbanks<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ortho R. Fairbanks](#), American sculptor; grandson of [John B. Fairbanks](#), nephew of [Avard Fairbanks](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Lynn Fausett](#), American painter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Arnold Friberg](#), illustrator and painter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Erasmio Fuentes](#), Mexican-born sculptor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Alvin Gittens](#), English-born artist, professor at [University of Utah](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Hafen](#), Muralist, professor at [BYU](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ben Hammond](#), American sculptor<sup>[4]</sup>
- [Rei Hamon](#), [CBE](#), New Zealand artist<sup>[5]</sup>
- [Brett Helquist](#), American illustrator ([A Series of Unfortunate Events](#))<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Richard Burde](#), German painter
- [Franz M. Johansen](#), American sculptor, emeritus professor at [BYU](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brian Kershnik](#), painter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Torleif S. Knaphus](#), Norwegian-born artist and sculptor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Giovanna Lacerti](#), Italian artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Alfred Lambourne](#), English-born artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Howard Lyon](#), American artist<sup>[6]</sup>
- [Margaret Morrison](#), American painter and University of Georgia art professor<sup>[7]</sup>
- [Fannie Nampeyo](#), Hopi potter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Helen Naha](#), Hopi potter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [George M. Ottinger](#), artist, educator and actor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Del Parson](#), American painter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Lorus Pratt](#), muralist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Walter Rane](#), American illustrator<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [J. Kirk Richards](#), American artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Lee Greene Richards](#), American artist (portraiture and murals)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ed "Big Daddy" Roth](#), artist, car customizer, creator of [Rat Fink](#) character<sup>[8]</sup>
- [Jorge Cocco Santángelo](#), Argentine artist<sup>[9]</sup>
- [Charles Roscoe Savage](#), 19th-century photographer<sup>[10]</sup>
- [Dennis Smith](#), American sculptor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [LeConte Stewart](#), American artist, former [University of Utah](#) head of art department<sup>[11]</sup>
- [Minerva Teichert](#), painter<sup>[12]</sup>
- [Joseph Paul Vorst](#), German American artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Kevin Wasden](#), artist, illustrator, and comics artist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Stanley J. Watts](#), American artist and sculptor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Dan Weggeland](#), Norwegian-born artist; art teacher<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Janis Mars Wunderlich](#), ceramic artist<sup>[13]</sup>
- [Mahonri Young](#), sculptor<sup>[14]</sup>

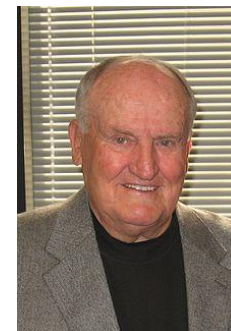
## Sports figures

### American football and Canadian football

- [Ezekiel Ansah](#), defensive end, [Detroit Lions](#) <sup>[15]</sup>
- [Ben Archibald](#), [BC Lions](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Isaac Asiata](#), guard for the [Miami Dolphins](#)
- [John Beck](#), former quarterback for [BYU](#),<sup>[16]</sup> quarterback for [Houston Texans](#)
- [Tony Bergstrom](#), former center/guard for the [Washington Redskins](#)
- [Darrell Bevell](#), offensive coordinator for [Detroit Lions](#)<sup>[17]</sup>
- [Vince Biegel](#), outside linebacker for the [New Orleans Saints](#)
- [Garett Bolles](#), offensive tackle for the [Denver Broncos](#)
- [Stewart Bradley](#), linebacker, [Arizona Cardinals](#)<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Ben Cahoon](#), slotback, [Montreal Alouettes](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Todd Christensen](#), tight end, [Los Angeles Raiders](#)<sup>[19]</sup>
- [Austin Collie](#), wide receiver, [New England Patriots](#)<sup>[20]</sup>
- [Gary Crowton](#), offensive coordinator, [University of Maryland](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Denney](#), long snapper for the [Miami Dolphins](#)



- [Ty Detmer](#), [Heisman Trophy](#)-winning quarterback;<sup>[21]</sup> offensive coordinator, [BYU](#)



- [LaVell Edwards](#), head coach, [Brigham Young University](#)<sup>[22]</sup> With 257 career victories, he ranks as one of the most successful college football coaches of all time.

- Q1 [Mohammed Elewonibi](#), Nigerian-Canadian offensive lineman<sup>[23]</sup>
- [Kyler Fackrell](#), outside linebacker for the [Green Bay Packers](#)
- [Lloyd Fairbanks](#), offensive lineman, Canadian Football League<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Dick Felt](#), assistant coach, defensive coordinator, [Brigham Young University](#) All-AFL Defensive Back for the [Titans of New York](#) and [Boston Patriots](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

- [Max Hall](#), former BYU quarterback,<sup>[24]</sup> quarterback, [Arizona Cardinals](#)<sup>[25]</sup>
- [Stanley Havili](#), Eagles<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Todd Heap](#), tight end, [Arizona Cardinals](#)<sup>[26]</sup>
- [Taysom Hill](#), Quarterback, [New Orleans Saints](#)
- [Chris Hoke](#), nose tackle, [Pittsburgh Steelers](#)<sup>[27]</sup>
- [Doug Jolley](#), tight end, [Oakland Raiders](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brett Keisel](#), defensive end, [Steelers](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Paul Kruger](#), defensive end, [Cleveland Browns](#)<sup>[28]</sup>
- [Glen Kozlowski](#), wide receiver, [Chicago Bears](#)<sup>[29]</sup>
- [Spencer Larsen](#), fullback, [New England](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Tyler Larsen](#), center for the [Carolina Panthers](#)



- [Chad Lewis](#), tight end, [Philadelphia Eagles](#) <sup>[30]</sup>
- [Deuce Lutui](#), guard, [Seattle Seahawks](#)<sup>[31]</sup>
- [Reno Mahe](#), running back, [Philadelphia Eagles](#)<sup>[32]</sup>
- [Brandon Manumaleuna](#), tight end, [San Diego Chargers](#)<sup>[33]</sup>
- [Bronco Mendenhall](#), head coach, Virginia<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Itula Mili](#), tight end, [Seattle Seahawks](#)<sup>[34]</sup>
- [Tony Moeaki](#), Chiefs<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Rob Morris](#), middle linebacker, [Indianapolis Colts](#)<sup>[35]</sup>
- [Edwin Mulitalo](#), guard, [Detroit Lions](#)<sup>[36]</sup>
- [Haloti Ngata](#), defensive tackle, [Detroit Lions](#)<sup>[37]</sup>
- [Ken Niumatalolo](#), head coach, [U.S. Naval Academy](#)<sup>[38]</sup>



- [Merlin Olsen](#), Hall of Fame, defensive tackle, [Los Angeles Rams](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Phil Olsen](#), center and defensive tackle, Los Angeles Rams and Denver Broncos<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jeff Perrett](#), offensive tackle, Montreal Alouettes<sup>[39]</sup>
- [Dennis Pitta](#), tight end, [Baltimore Ravens](#)<sup>[40]</sup>
- [Brady Poppinga](#), linebacker, [St. Louis Rams](#)<sup>[41]</sup>

- [Sione Pouha](#), defensive tackle, [New York Jets](#)<sup>[42]</sup>
- [Brett Ralph](#), wide receiver/slotback, Canadian Football League<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brock Ralph](#), wide receiver/slotback, Canadian Football League<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Andy Reid](#), head coach, Kansas City Chiefs<sup>[43]</sup>
- [Brett Salisbury](#), quarterback<sup>[44]</sup>
- [Sean Salisbury](#), quarterback, [Minnesota Vikings](#) and others<sup>[45]</sup>



[Vai Sikahema](#), special teams, [Philadelphia Eagles](#)<sup>[46]</sup> a [Tongan](#) former [American football](#) player and [television news reporter](#).



- [Kalani Sitake](#), head coach, [Brigham Young University](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Daniel Sorensen](#), strong safety for the [Kansas City Chiefs](#)
- [Luke Staley](#), Running Back for [Detroit Lions](#)
- [Xavier Su'a-Filo](#), guard for the [Dallas Cowboys](#)
- [Fahu Tahj](#), fullback, [Minnesota Vikings](#)<sup>[47]</sup>
- [John Tait](#), offensive tackle, [Chicago Bears](#)<sup>[48]</sup>
- [Manti Te'o](#), linebacker, [San Diego Chargers](#)<sup>[49]</sup>
- [Sam Tevi](#), offensive tackle for the [Los Angeles Chargers](#)
- [Spencer Toone](#), Tennessee Titans<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Kyle Van Noy](#), [New England Patriots](#) Outside Linebacker<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Fred Warner](#), linebacker for the [San Francisco 49ers](#)
- [Eric Weddle](#), safety, [Baltimore Ravens](#)<sup>[50]</sup>



[Kyle Whittingham](#), head coach, [University of Utah](#)<sup>[51]</sup>  
He won [AFCA Coach of the Year](#) and the [Paul "Bear" Bryant Award](#) in 2008.



- [Steve Young](#), Hall of Fame quarterback, [Tampa Bay Buccaneers](#) and [San Francisco 49ers](#); great-great-grandson of Brigham Young<sup>[52]</sup>

## Association football (soccer)

- [Erroll Bennett](#), Tahiti<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Aleisha Cramer](#), USA<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Guillermo Franco](#), Argentina<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jimmy Montanero](#), Ecuador<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Freddy Rincón](#), Colombia, Real Madrid<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bruna Soares](#), Brazil<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Tita](#), Brazil<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Daniel Woolard](#), MLS, United States<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ashley Hatch](#), NWSL, United States<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Michele Vasconcelos](#), NWSL, United States<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Sherjill MacDonald](#), Netherlands<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Baseball

- [Alan Ashby](#), catcher<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Buck](#), catcher
- [Roy Castleton](#), first Mormon MLB player<sup>[53]</sup>
- [Gary Cooper](#), 3rd baseman/outfielder [Houston Astros](#); named Triple A All Star MVP<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bobby Crosby](#), shortstop [Oakland Athletics](#)

- [Dennis Eckersley](#), Hall of Fame pitcher for the [Oakland Athletics](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jacoby Ellsbury](#), outfielder, [New York Yankees](#)<sup>[54][55]</sup>
- [Jim Gott](#), pitcher for the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jeremy Guthrie](#), pitcher<sup>[56]</sup>
- [Roy Halladay](#), pitcher<sup>[full citation needed]</sup> [Toronto Blue Jays](#) and [Philadelphia Phillies](#)
- [Bryce Harper](#), 2010 MLB #1 draft pick, outfielder for the [Philadelphia Phillies](#)<sup>[57]</sup>
- [Bruce Hurst](#), former MLB pitcher, [Boston Red Sox](#), 1986 [World Series](#)<sup>[58]</sup>
- [Cale Iorg](#), minor league baseball, Detroit Tigers organization<sup>[59][60]</sup>
- [Dane Iorg](#), former Major League Baseball player, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, and Kansas City Royals<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Garth Iorg](#), former Major League Baseball player, Toronto Blue Jays<sup>[61]</sup>
- [Wally Joyner](#), first baseman,<sup>[62]</sup> former [California Angels](#) player
- [Jeff Kent](#), former second baseman, [Los Angeles Dodgers](#) and [San Francisco Giants](#)



- [Harmon Killebrew](#), first baseman,<sup>[63]</sup> Hall of Famer for the [Minnesota Twins](#) Killebrew was a prolific [power hitter](#) who, at the time of his retirement, had the [fourth-most home runs](#) in major league history. He was second only to [Babe Ruth](#) in [American League](#) (AL) [home runs](#)

- [Vance Law](#), former third baseman<sup>[full citation needed]</sup> and current [Brigham Young University](#) head coach; son of [Vern Law](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Vern Law](#), pitcher,<sup>[64]</sup> [Cy Young Award](#) winner with the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#) \_\_\_\_\_ is an American former [baseball pitcher](#) who played sixteen seasons in [Major League Baseball](#) (MLB)
- [Matt Lindstrom](#), pitcher,<sup>[full citation needed]</sup> [Florida Marlins](#)
- [Brandon Lyon](#), pitcher
- [Jack Morris](#), Detroit Tigers

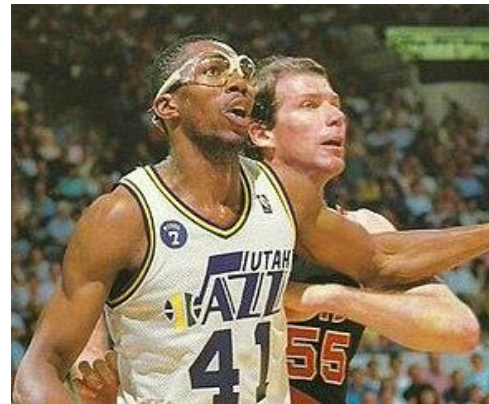


- [Dale Murphy](#), MLB outfielder, two-time National League MVP <sup>[65]</sup> [Atlanta Braves](#)
- [Cory Snyder](#), infielder with five MLB teams
- [Clyde Wright](#), pitcher, [California Angels](#)
- [Jaret Wright](#), pitcher, [Cleveland Indians](#)
- [Danny Ainge](#), second base, [Toronto Blue Jays](#)

## Basketball



- [Danny Ainge](#), guard, [Boston Celtics](#), [Phoenix Suns](#), [Portland Trail Blazers](#) and [Sacramento Kings](#); current general manager of the Celtics; former coach of the [Phoenix Suns](#)<sup>[66]</sup>



- [Thurl Bailey](#), forward, [Utah Jazz](#)<sup>[67]</sup>

## Media commentator



- [Shawn Bradley](#), center, [Philadelphia 76ers](#), [New Jersey Nets](#) and [Dallas Mavericks](#)<sup>[68]</sup>
- [Tom Chambers](#), forward, Phoenix Suns



[Krešimir Ćosić](#), center, [Croatia](#)<sup>[69]</sup> a Croatian<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> professional [basketball](#) player and [coach](#). He was a collegiate All-American at [Brigham Young University](#). In 1996, Ćosić became only the second international player ever elected to the [Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame](#).

- [Jim Eakins](#), center<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Jimmer Fredette](#), guard, [BYU Cougars](#), [Sacramento Kings](#), [New Orleans Pelicans](#), and [Phoenix Suns](#).<sup>[70]</sup>
- [Travis Hansen](#), guard/small forward, [Atlanta Hawks](#), [Saski Baskonia](#), [Dynamo Moscow](#)<sup>[71]</sup>



- [Mel Hutchins](#), [Fort Wayne Pistons](#) and [New York Knicks](#), 1952 NBA Rookie of the Year, five-time NBA All-Star

- [Frank Jackson](#), Duke Blue Devils, [New Orleans Pelicans](#)



- [Jeff Judkins](#), BYU Women's Basketball Coach, 400 wins record, a position he has held since summer 2001<sup>[2]</sup> after serving as their assistant coach in 2000–01.<sup>[1]</sup> A 6'6", 185-lb [shooting guard](#), he played [college basketball](#) at the [University of Utah](#) from 1974 to 1978<sup>[1]</sup> and had a career in the [NBA](#) from 1978 to 1983.
- [Casey Jacobsen](#), German League
- [Greg Kite](#), Boston Celtics, Orlando Magic and Sacramento Kings<sup>†</sup>
- [Mark Madsen](#), power forward–center, [Los Angeles Lakers/Minnesota Timberwolves](#)<sup>[72]</sup>
- [Jabari Parker](#), Duke Blue Devils, [Washington Wizards](#)
- [Brendon Pongia](#), "Tall Blacks" (NZ)
- [Charmian Purcell](#), NZ women's basketball team<sup>†</sup>
- [Fred Roberts](#), Boston Celtics guard-forward



- [Dave Rose](#), the former head coach of [Brigham Young University's](#) (BYU) [men's basketball](#) team. A graduate of [Northbrook High School](#) in Houston, Texas, Rose was co-captain of "[Phi Slama Jama](#)," the [University of Houston's](#) college basketball squad featuring [Clyde Drexler](#) and [Hakeem Olajuwon](#) that finished as national runner-up in the [1983 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament](#).<sup>[1]</sup>
- [Michael Smith](#), Boston Celtics guard-forward<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Natalie Taylor](#), NZ women's basketball team<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jonathan Tavernari](#), guard-forward, Brazil<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Erin Thorn](#), guard, [WNBA Chicago Sky](#)<sup>[73]</sup>

- [Nonila Wharemate](#), NZ women's basketball team <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Paora Winitana](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Ice hockey

- [Aaron Gavey](#), NHL centre <sup>[74]</sup>
- [Kevan Guy](#), defenseman, [Calgary Flames](#) and [Vancouver Canucks](#) <sup>[75]</sup>
- [Bill Lindsay](#), NHL winger for the [Quebec Nordiques](#), [Florida Panthers](#), [Calgary Flames](#), [San Jose Sharks](#), [Montreal Canadiens](#), and [Atlanta Thrashers](#), 1992–2004; TV commentator <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brent Peterson](#), winger for the [Detroit Red Wings](#), [Buffalo Sabres](#), [Vancouver Canucks](#), and [Hartford Whalers](#); assistant coach for the [Nashville Predators](#) <sup>[76]</sup>
- [Derek Ryan](#), NHL center for the [Calgary Flames](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Gord Strate](#), NHL defenseman, [Detroit Red Wings](#) <sup>[77][78]</sup>

## Rugby

### Rugby league

- [Fraser Anderson](#), New Zealand Cronulla Sharks <sup>[79]</sup>
- [Ben Hannant](#), prop for [Brisbane Broncos](#) <sup>[80]</sup>
- [Albert Hopoate](#), [Sydney Roosters](#) player <sup>[79]</sup>
- [John Hopoate](#), retired player, [Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles](#), [Wests Tigers](#) and the [Northern Eagles](#) <sup>[81][82]</sup>
- [William Hopoate](#), [Parramatta Eels](#), formally [Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Krisnan Inu](#), [New Zealand Warriors](#), formally [Parramatta Eels](#) <sup>[83][84]</sup>
- [Kylie Leuluai](#), [Leeds Rhinos](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

### Rugby union



- [Ma'a Nonu](#), [All Blacks](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Fraser Anderson](#), [All Blacks](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ben Couch](#), [All Blacks](#), also politician <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Larry Gelwix](#), rugby coach <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Sid Going](#), captain of the [All Blacks](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Census Johnston](#), Samoan-born player for [Stade Toulousain](#) (France) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jonah Lomu](#), [All Blacks](#) winger and all-time top scorer at Rugby World Cup <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jordan Rapana](#), [Western Force](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

- [Alatini Saulala](#), USA sevens <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Salesi Sika](#), Tongan-born player for [USA](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Semi Radradra](#), Fijian player for [Fiji](#) <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Fadi Serhal](#), Lebanese Player for Saudi Rugby Select

## Miscellaneous

### Track & Field



- [Valerie Adams](#), Olympic shot putter, reigning women's Olympic champion <sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Doug Padilla](#), 1985 Outdoor Mobil Grand Prix champion, two-time Olympian [1984 Summer Olympics](#) and [1988 Summer Olympics](#) <sup>[85]</sup>
- [Ed Eyestone](#), two-time Olympian [1988 Summer Olympics](#) and [1992 Summer Olympics](#) <sup>[86]</sup>
- [Alma Richards](#), won gold in [track and field](#) in the [1912 Summer Olympics](#) (USA) <sup>[87]</sup>
- [Jason Smyth](#), blind Irish athlete who won four gold medals in the Paralympics <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

### Auto racing



- [David Abbott "Ab" Jenkins](#) (1883–1956) <sup>[88]</sup>

### Beach volleyball

- [Jake Gibb](#) <sup>[89]</sup>
- [Casey Patterson](#) <sup>[90]</sup>

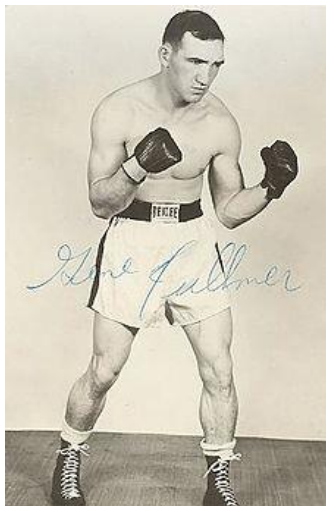
### Bodybuilding

- [Larry Scott](#), the first Mr. Olympia (1965) <sup>[91]</sup>

### Boxing



- [Jack Dempsey](#), heavyweight boxing champion<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [B. J. Flores](#),<sup>[92][93]</sup> [United States amateur heavyweight champion](#), 2001 and 2002



- [Gene Fullmer](#), middleweight boxing champion<sup>[94][95]</sup>
- [Joseph Parker](#), heavyweight boxing champion<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Golf



- [Billy Casper](#)
  - An American [professional golfer](#). He was one of the most prolific tournament winners on the [PGA Tour](#) from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s.
- [Keith Clearwater](#)



- [Johnny Miller](#) was one of the top players in the world during the mid-1970s. He was the first to shoot 63 in a [major championship](#) to win

the [1973 U.S. Open](#), and he ranked second in the world.

- [Tony Finau](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Daniel Summerhays](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Gymnastics

- [Mykayla Skinner](#), 2016 US Olympic Team Alternate<sup>[96]</sup>



- [Peter Vidmar](#), Olympic gold medalist<sup>[97]</sup>  
With a total of three Olympic medals, two golds and a silver,<sup>[2]</sup> Peter is one of only three athletes inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame twice.

## Martial arts

- [Diego Brandao](#), UFC fighter, won *The Ultimate Fighter 14*<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ed Parker](#) (1931–1990), martial artist<sup>[98]</sup>

## Rodeo

- [Earl W. Bascom](#), "father of modern rodeo"; inventor and innovator<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Lewis Feild](#), World champion<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Reg Kesler](#), Canadian champion, rodeo producer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Raymond Knight](#), Hall of Fame, rodeo producer, "father of Canadian stampedes"<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Snowboarding

- [Torah Bright](#), 2007 [X Games](#) gold medalist,<sup>[99]</sup> Olympics gold medalist,<sup>[100][101]</sup>

## Swimming

- [Hayley Palmer](#), New Zealand swimmer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Byron Shefchik](#), BYU<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Volleyball

- [Richard Lambourne](#), 2008 Olympian<sup>[102]</sup>
- [Ryan Millar](#), 2004 Olympic men's volleyball team<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Wrestling

[Chyna<sup>\[103\]</sup>](#) was an American [professional wrestler](#), [glamour model](#), [actress](#), [author](#), [bodybuilder](#)



- [Rulon Gardner](#), 2000 gold medalist<sup>[104]</sup>—an American retired [Greco-Roman](#) Olympic Gold Medalist wrestler. He competed at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics and won the gold medal in 2000, defeating Russia's [Aleksandr Karelin](#) in the final. Karelin was previously unbeaten for 13 years in international competition. Gardner won a bronze medal at the 2004 Games.<sup>[11]</sup>
- [Cael Sanderson](#), 2004 gold medal, undefeated NCAA champion<sup>[105]</sup>
- [Mark Schultz](#), 1984 gold medal, two-time World Champion<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Business

- [Nolan D. Archibald](#), CEO of [Black & Decker](#)<sup>[106]</sup>



[Alan Ashton](#), co-founder and former CEO of [WordPerfect](#) Corporation. is the co-founder of [WordPerfect Corporation](#) and a former professor at [Brigham Young University](#) (BYU). Ashton worked for a time with [Novell](#) after the company bought WordPerfect, and subsequently founded [Thanksgiving Point](#) in [Lehi, Utah](#).



[Monte L. Bean](#) Business entrepreneur creator of Northwest drug store chain [Pay'n Save](#).

- [M. Anthony Burns](#), chairman emeritus of the board of directors; former CEO of [Ryder](#)<sup>[107][108]</sup>
- [Clayton Christensen](#), Professor of Business Administration at [Harvard Business School](#), Author, Scholar, Educator, Business Consultant, Ranked in the Thinkers50 <sup>[109]</sup>



- [Gary Crittenden](#), former CFO of [Sears Roebuck and Company](#), [Monsanto Company](#), [American Express](#) and [Citigroup](#)<sup>[110]</sup>



- [Sheri Dew](#), CEO of [Deseret Book](#), the largest Latter-day Saint book publisher<sup>[111]</sup>





• [David Eccles](#)<sup>[112]</sup> American businessman and industrialist who founded many businesses throughout the western United States and became [Utah](#)'s first multimillionaire

- [Pete Harman](#), first franchisee of [KFC](#)<sup>[113]</sup>

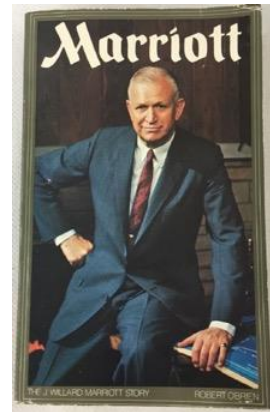


• [Jon Huntsman, Sr.](#)<sup>[114]</sup> Huntsman's philanthropic giving exceeded \$1.5 billion, focusing on areas of cancer research, programs at various universities, and aid to [Armenia](#).

- Steve Lund, president, [Nu Skin Enterprises](#)



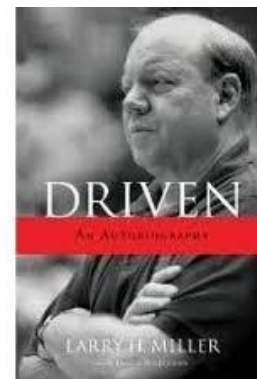
- [J.W. "Bill" Marriott, Jr.](#), chairman and CEO, [Marriott International](#)<sup>[115]</sup>



- [J. Willard Marriott](#)<sup>[116]</sup> He was the founder of the [Marriott Corporation](#) (which became [Marriott International](#) in 1993), the parent company of the world's largest [hospitality](#), [hotel chains](#), and [food services](#) companies. The Marriott company rose from a small [root beer](#) stand in [Washington, D.C.](#) in 1927 to a chain of family [restaurants](#) by 1932, to its first motel in 1957. By the time he died, the Marriott company operated 1,400 restaurants and 143 hotels and [resorts](#) worldwide, including two [theme parks](#), earned [US\\$4.5 billion](#) in revenue annually with 154,600 employees. The company's interests also extended to a line of [cruise ships](#).



- [Gail Miller](#), businesswoman, philanthropist, and owner of the [Utah Jazz](#).<sup>[117]</sup>



- [Larry H. Miller](#), businessman and former owner of the [Utah Jazz](#)<sup>[118]</sup>
- [David Neeleman](#), founder of [JetBlue Airways](#)<sup>[119]</sup> and [Azul Brazilian Airlines](#)



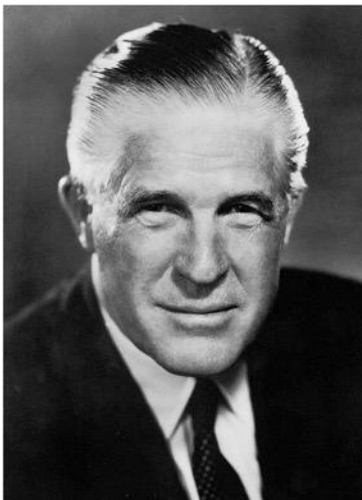
- [Ray Noorda](#), CEO and chairman of [Novell](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Nic Read](#), founder and managing partner of [SalesLabs](#)<sup>[120] [failed verification]</sup>



- [James LeVoy Sorenson](#), founder of [Sorenson Companies](#)<sup>[123]</sup>
- [Frank L. VanderSloot](#), CEO of [multi-level marketing](#) company [Melaleuca, Inc.](#)<sup>[124] [125]</sup>



- [Kevin Rollins](#), former CEO of [Dell, Inc.](#)<sup>[121]</sup>



- [George W. Romney](#), former chairman and president of [American Motors Company](#) Candidate for U.S. President <sup>[122]</sup>

## Law

### Judicial

- Judge [Stephen H. Anderson](#), senior Federal Judge on the [United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit](#)<sup>[126]</sup>
- Judge [Jay Bybee](#), current Federal Judge on the [United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit](#)



- [Chief Justice Christine M. Durham](#), Utah Supreme Court<sup>[127]</sup>
- Judge [Thomas B. Griffith](#), D.C. Circuit<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- Justice [Charles Jones](#), retired Arizona State Supreme Court<sup>[128]</sup>
- Judge [Ryan D. Nelson](#), Federal Judge on the [United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit](#)

## Educators and scholars



- Justice [Dallin H. Oaks](#), retired Utah Supreme Court, LDS apostle<sup>[129]</sup>
- Judge [N. Randy Smith](#), Federal Judge on the [United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- D. Todd Christofferson (LDS Apostle) tried Nixon to Supreme Court, first to listen to Watergate tapes with (clerk to) Judge Sirica ("Max John-criminal hater") 1973 (Sirica autobiog)<sup>[130]</sup>

### **Enforcement**

- [Samuel P. Cowley](#) (1899–1934), FBI agent killed in the line of duty by Baby Face Nelson<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Porter Rockwell](#), Deputy US Marshal of Salt Lake City (1849–1878); bodyguard of LDS founder Joseph Smith



- [David A. Bednar](#), president of [Brigham Young University-Idaho](#) (1997–2004) Apostle



- [Michael T. Benson](#), president of [Southern Utah University](#) (2006–present)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Richard Bushman](#), professor of history emeritus at [Columbia University](#)<sup>[131]</sup>
- [David E. Campbell](#), Packey J. Dee Professor of American Democracy at the [University of Notre Dame](#)<sup>[132]</sup>
- [Stanford Cazier](#), president of [California State University, Chico](#) (1971–1979) and [Utah State University](#) (1979–1992)<sup>[133]</sup>



- [Daryl Chase](#) President of Utah State University 1954-1969



- [Harvey Fletcher](#), head of physical research at [Bell Laboratories](#), developed modern science of [acoustics](#)<sup>[136]</sup>
- [Gordon Gee](#), former president of [Ohio State University](#)<sup>[137]</sup>
- [David F. Holland](#), first LDS professor at the [Harvard Divinity School](#) (2012–present)
- [Jeffrey R. Holland](#), Commissioner of Church Education; [Brigham Young University](#) president (1980–1989)

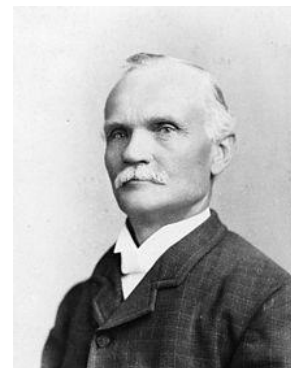
- [Clayton Christensen](#), professor at [Harvard Business School](#)<sup>[134]</sup>
- [Kim B. Clark](#), [Commissioner of Church Education](#) (2015–current); president of [Brigham Young University-Idaho](#) (2005–2015); dean of [Harvard Business School](#) (1995–2005); professor
- [Alison Davis-Blake](#), Dean of [Ross School of Business](#) of the [University of Michigan](#) (2011–present)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Rex E. Lee](#), Brigham Young University president (1989–1995); inaugural [J. Reuben Clark Law School](#) dean; [United States Solicitor General](#)
- [Brigitte C. Madrian](#), Behavioral economist and the first female dean of the [Marriott School of Business](#).<sup>[138]</sup>
- [Truman G. Madsen](#), Brigham Young University professor and Chair of the [BYU Jerusalem Center](#)

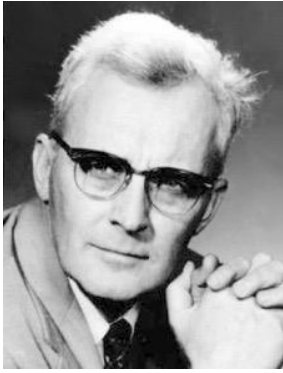


- [Henry B. Eyring](#), Church Second Councilor, president of [Ricks College](#) (1972–77), associate professor of business at [Stanford University](#), Sloan visiting faculty fellow at the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#), Commissioner of Church Education
- [Teppo Felin](#), Professor of Strategy at the [University of Oxford](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Kathleen Flake](#), historian, writer, and attorney<sup>[135]</sup>



- [Karl G. Maeser](#), Brigham Young University president (1876–1892)
- [Robert J. Matthews](#), scriptural scholar and Brigham Young University dean (1926–2009)
- [Neal A. Maxwell](#), Commissioner of Church Education, executive vice president of the [University of Utah](#)
- [Dean Lowe May](#), historian, [University of Utah](#), author and documentary filmmaker
- [Whitney K. Newey](#), Professor of Economics at [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#)





- [Hugh Nibley](#), who was a professor at [Brigham Young University](#) (BYU) for nearly 50 years. He was a prolific author, and wrote [apologetic](#) works supporting the archaeological, linguistic, and historical claims of [Joseph Smith](#). He was a member of the LDS Church, and wrote and lectured on LDS scripture and doctrinal topics, publishing many articles in the [LDS Church magazines](#).
- [Janis Nuckolls](#), Brigham Young University professor, expert on endangered languages and the [Quechua people](#)
- [Dallin H. Oaks](#), Brigham Young University president (1971–1980); justice of [Utah Supreme Court](#) (1980–1984)



- [A Ray Olpin](#) President of University of Utah 1946-1964-co-inventor of television, Atomic bomb KUED
- [John Durham Peters](#), María Rosa Menocal Professor of English and Film & Media, Yale University (2016-Present), and of Communication, University of Iowa (1986-2016)
- [V. Lane Rawlins](#), Washington State University president (2000–2007)<sup>[139]</sup>
- [Cecil O. Samuelson](#), Brigham Young University president (2003–2014)<sup>[140]</sup>

- [Eric B. Shumway](#), [Brigham Young University-Hawaii](#) president (1994–2007)



- [Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#), Harvard professor, winner of the [Pulitzer Prize](#) in History
- [Steven C. Wheelwright](#), Brigham Young University-Hawaii president (2007–2015)



- Ernest L. Wilkinson Brigham Young University President 1951-1971



- [Michael K. Young](#), [Texas A&M University](#) president (2015–present)

# Media and entertainment figures

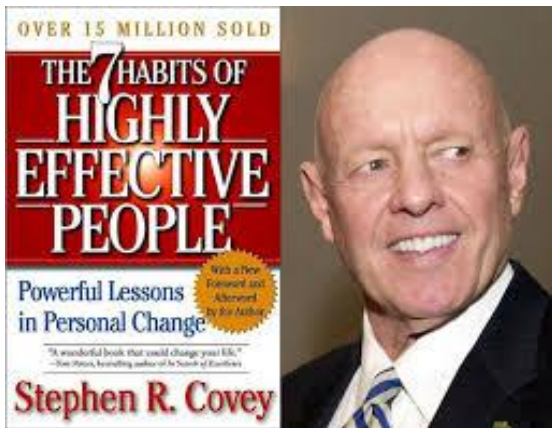
## Writers

- [Stephenie Meyer](#), author<sup>[154]</sup>



[Jack Anderson](#), Pulitzer Prize winning columnist and investigative journalist<sup>[141]</sup>—a commentator on [ABC-TV's \*Good Morning America\*](#) for nine years

- [Laura M. Brotherson](#), author of *And They Were Not Ashamed*<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Orson Scott Card](#), author, [Hugo Award](#) and [Nebula Award](#) winner<sup>[142]</sup>
- [Ally Condie](#), author <sup>[143]</sup>
- [McKay Coppins](#), political journalist<sup>[144]</sup>



[Stephen R. Covey](#), author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*<sup>[145]</sup>—*Time* magazine named him one of the 25 most influential people.<sup>[2]</sup> He was a professor at the [Jon M. Huntsman School of Business](#) at [Utah State University](#) at the time of his death.

- [Brian Crane](#), cartoonist ([Pickles](#))
- [James Dashner](#), author<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bree Despain](#), author
- [Terryl Givens](#), author<sup>[146]</sup>
- [Betsy Brannon Green](#), author
- [Shannon Hale](#), author, [Newbery Honor](#) recipient<sup>[147]</sup>
- [Chris Heimerdinger](#), author<sup>[148]</sup>
- [Tracy Hickman](#), author, [Dragonlance](#)<sup>[149]</sup>



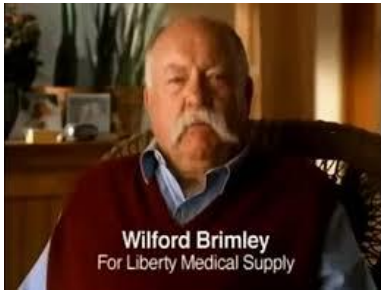
- [Ken Jennings](#), winner of 74 straight *Jeopardy!* matches<sup>[150]</sup>—All time champion
- [Janet Kay Jensen](#), author<sup>[151]</sup>
- [Scott Johnson](#), cartoonist <sup>[152]</sup>
- [Glen A. Larson](#), television writer and producer (*Battlestar Galactica* and *Knight Rider*)<sup>[153]</sup>
- [John Lyon](#), Scottish poet
- [Greg McKeown](#), author and [Young Global Leader](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brandon Mull](#), author
- [Carol Lynn Pearson](#), poet, author and playwright<sup>[155]</sup>
- [Anne Perry](#), English author<sup>[156]</sup>
- [Julie Rowe](#), author<sup>[157]</sup>
- [Brandon Sanderson](#), author<sup>[158]</sup>
- [Linda Sillitoe](#) (1948–2010), journalist, historian and author
- [Kiersten White](#), author

## Film, television and stage personalities

- [Corbin Allred](#), actor, former child star<sup>[159]</sup>
- [Larry Bagby](#), actor<sup>[160]</sup>
- [Billy Barty](#), actor<sup>[161]</sup>



- [Glenn Beck](#), conservative talk-radio and television host <sup>[162]</sup>
- [Don Bluth](#), animator, creator of *The Land Before Time*, *The Secret of NIMH*, and *An American Tail*<sup>[163]</sup>



- [Wilford Brimley](#), actor <sup>[164]</sup>
- [Shay Carl](#), American video blogger<sup>[165]</sup>
- [Glen and Les Charles](#), writers and producers known for *Taxi* and *Cheers*<sup>[166]</sup>
- [Scott Christopher](#), film and television actor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ray Combs](#), host of game show *Family Feud*
- [Jairus Aquino](#), Filipino actor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [A.J. Cook](#), actress <sup>[167]</sup>
- [Steven Eckholdt](#), actor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Mireille Enos](#), *Tony Award*-nominated actress<sup>[168]</sup>
- [Byron Foulger](#), actor
- [Pierce Gagnon](#), child actor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Al Harrington](#), former actor and NCAA football player<sup>[169]</sup>
- [Jon Heder](#), actor<sup>[170]</sup>
- [Kirby Heyborne](#), actor in *The Last Chapter* and TV shows *Team* and *Free Ride*<sup>[171]</sup> singer, albums include *Inside*, *Braver Days*, and *Merry White Tree in the Night*
- [Bob Hilton](#), television game show announcer<sup>[172]</sup>



- [Dean Jagger](#), *Oscar*-winning actor



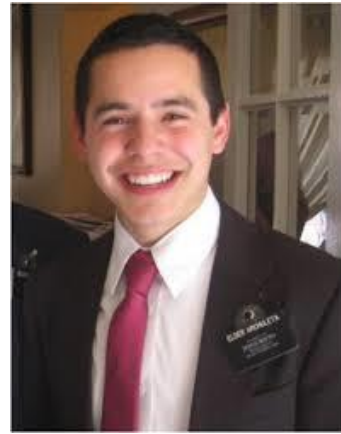
- [Jane Clayson Johnson](#), journalist and anchor for *Good Morning America*, *World News Tonight*, *ABC News*, and *The Early Show*



- [Gordon Jump](#), actor from *WKRP in Cincinnati* and the Maytag repair man<sup>[173]</sup>
- [Eric Larson](#), animator
- [Jared Murillo](#), dancer in *High School Musical*, backup dancer and ex-boyfriend of [Ashley Tisdale](#), member of boy band *VFactory* <sup>[174][175]</sup>
- [José María Oliveira](#), Spanish film director<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Merlin Olsen](#), NFL player; actor in *Little House on the Prairie* and *Father Murphy*<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Moroni Olsen](#), actor
- [Pat Priest](#), actress, best known for portraying Marilyn Munster in *The Munsters*<sup>[176]</sup>
- [Rick Schroder](#), actor<sup>[177]</sup>
- [Kaycee Stroh](#), actress and dancer in *High School Musical*, *High School Musical 2*, and *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* <sup>[178]</sup>
- [Ellen Wheeler](#), actress and executive producer of the soap opera *Guiding Light*



- [Johnny Whitaker](#), actor, most famous for 1960s TV show [Family Affair](#)<sup>[179]</sup>
- [Grant Wilson](#), half of the [Ghost Hunters](#) team of paranormal investigators
- [Alex Winters](#), presenter on the BBC's [CBeebies](#) channel <sup>[180]</sup>
- [Steve Zabriskie](#), television sports play-by-play broadcaster, actor and announcer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Shauna Parsons](#), news anchor on [Fox 12 Oregon](#).

## Singers and musicians



- [Gladys Knight](#), [Rock and Roll Hall of Famer](#)<sup>[193]</sup>
- [The 5 Browns](#), sibling concert pianists (Desirae, Gregory, Melody and Ryan)
- [Gary Allan](#), American country singer, raised Mormon<sup>[181]</sup><sup>[failed verification]</sup>
- [Tiffany Alvord](#) YouTube "home grown celebrity" singer<sup>[182][183]</sup>
- [David Archuleta](#), runner-up on [American Idol](#) (season 7)<sup>[184]</sup>
- [Jenny Oaks Baker](#), Grammy-nominated recording artist and concert violinist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bless4](#), J-pop vocal ensemble<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Alex Boyé](#), singer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Elaine Bradley](#), drummer of the [Neon Trees](#), a rock band from [Provo, Utah](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [William Butler](#), multi-instrumentalist for the band [Arcade Fire](#)<sup>[185]</sup>
- [Lex de Azevedo](#), music arranger and songwriter for stage, TV and film<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Liriel Domiciano](#), Brazilian pop star icon and classical singer<sup>[186]</sup>
- [Brandon Flowers](#), frontman of [The Killers](#)<sup>[187]</sup>
- [Ian Fowles](#), guitarist of the metalcore band [Death by Stereo](#) and the rock band [The Aquabats](#)<sup>[188]</sup>
- [Marvin Goldstein](#), pianist and arranger<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Gregg Hale](#), guitar player of [Spiritualized](#), engineer and producer, owner of Lincoln Street Sound Studio<sup>[189]</sup>
- [Dinah Jane Hansen](#), member of the girl group [Fifth Harmony](#)
- [Eric Herman](#),<sup>[190]</sup> children's music entertainer, best known for viral video hit "The Elephant Song"
- [Herrey's](#), Swedish boyband who won the [Eurovision Song Contest 1984](#) with the song "[Diggi-Loo Diggi-Ley](#)"<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Christian Jacobs](#), lead singer of [The Aquabats](#) and co-creator of the children's television series [Yo Gabba Gabba!](#)<sup>[191]</sup>
- [The Jets](#), 1980s pop group<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Arthur Kane](#), of [The New York Dolls](#)<sup>[192]</sup>
- [Kaskade](#), American deep house DJ<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Chad Larson](#), bassist and co-founder of [The Aquabats](#)<sup>[194]</sup>
- [Jon Peter Lewis](#), singer/songwriter, finalist on [American Idol](#) (season 3), contestant on [The Voice](#)<sup>[195]</sup>
- [Corb Lund](#), Canadian country singer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Tony Martin](#), wrote fifteen number-one songs<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Lani Misalucha](#), Manila-born, Las Vegas-based pop singer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Luis Abanto Morales](#), Peruvian singer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square](#), [Orchestra at Temple Square](#), [Bells on Temple Square](#), and [Temple Square Chorale](#) – the official music groups on [Temple Square](#)
- [The Moth & the Flame](#), rock band from [Provo, Utah](#); primary three members are practicing Mormons<sup>[196]</sup>
- [Steven Sharp Nelson](#), cellist of [The Piano Guys](#)<sup>[197]</sup>
- [Serban Nichifor](#), composer<sup>[198]</sup>
- [Maren Ord](#)



- [The Osmonds](#) ([Alan Osmond](#), [Donny Osmond](#), [Jay Osmond](#), [Jimmy Osmond](#), [Marie Osmond](#), [Merrill Osmond](#), and [Wayne Osmond](#))
- [Nathan Pacheco](#), singer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Mimi Parker](#), percussionist and singer of [Low](#)<sup>[199]</sup>
- [Jonna Pirinen](#), Finnish R&B singer/songwriter<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

- [Carmen Rasmusen](#), Canadian-American country music artist who ranked sixth on the second season of [American Idol](#) in 2003<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Cove Reber](#), former singer of [Saosin](#) and Mormon in the Middle<sup>[200]</sup>
- [Dan Reynolds](#), frontman of [Imagine Dragons](#) and recipient of the [Songwriter's Hall of Fame Hal David Starlight Award](#)<sup>[201]</sup>
- [Leroy Robertson](#), composer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Yuki Saito](#), Japanese singer/songwriter and actress
- [Jon Schmidt](#), pianist and [YouTuber](#), part of [The Piano Guys](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Wayne Sermon](#), guitarist for Grammy Award winners [Imagine Dragons](#)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Alex Sharpe](#), Irish actress and recording artist, former member of [Celtic Woman](#)<sup>[202]</sup>
- [SHeDAISY](#), country music group consisting of sisters Kassidy, Kristyn, and Kelsi Osborn
- [Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand](#), bluegrass/country musician, author of *Dream Big*<sup>[203]</sup>
- [Alan Sparhawk](#), guitarist and singer of [Low](#), [Retribution Gospel Choir](#), and [The Black-Eyed Snakes](#)<sup>[199]</sup>
- [Lindsey Stirling](#), hip-hop violinist, reached the quarter-finals of [America's Got Talent](#), 2010<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Chance Thomas](#), composer of video game music<sup>[204]</sup>
- [James Valentine](#), guitarist for [Maroon 5](#)<sup>[205]</sup>
- [Dallon Weekes](#), bassist/keyboardist for multi-platinum rock band [Panic! at the Disco](#), and singer/songwriter for indie/electronic rock band [IDKHow](#)
- [Brooke White](#), top 5 contestant in [American Idol](#) (season 7)<sup>[184]</sup>



- [Mack Wilberg](#), composer-arranger and music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [La Monte Young](#), composer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Dance

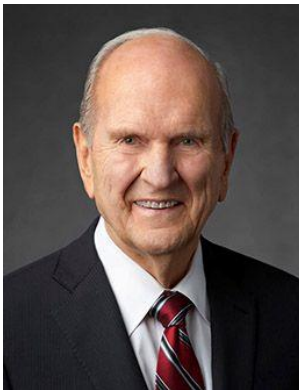
- [Lindsay Arnold](#), dancer appearing on *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing with the Stars*<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Witney Carson](#), winner of *Dancing with the Stars*' 19th season<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Chelsie Hightower](#), ballroom dancer and choreographer<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Derek Hough](#), 5-time winner of *Dancing with the Stars*, brother of Julianne Hough<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Sara Webb](#), professional ballet dancer (1997-2018), principal dancer with [Houston Ballet](#).

## Medicine

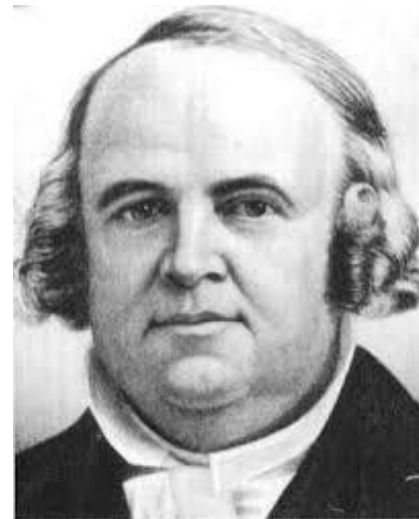
- [Richard F. Daines](#), New York State Department of Health Commissioner<sup>[206]</sup>



- [Russell M. Nelson](#), (LDS Prophet) physician, heart surgeon, Director American Board Thoracic Surgeons, Chair Thoracic Surgery Salt Lake Hospital, University Hospital (world renowned)<sup>[207]</sup> first open heart surgery<sup>[208]</sup> heart lung support machine under Dr. Gibbon, Mayo Clinic, Philadelphia<sup>[209]</sup> "Top 20 Most Innovative Surgeons Alive Today" <sup>[210]</sup>
- [William W. Parmley](#), cardiologist, general<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Ellis Reynolds Shipp](#), SLC, one of the first female doctors west of the Mississippi, a compassionate genius protege'. 1847 – 1939, sent to Penn Med School (women's/Hanneman) by Eliza Snow on Dr. Willard Richards endowment 1873 as directed by the prophet, returning, ' worked with Sis. Snow's board to start obstetrics school 1876, trained 660 midwives.,<sup>[211]</sup> went to Michican for pediatrics under pioneer Victor Vaugh who created American Pediatrics Board, returning created LDS Children's hospital under relief society, bolstered by St. Marks Hospital Salt Lake.<sup>[212]</sup>



- [Willard Richards](#),
- 1804-1854<sup>[213]</sup> Obstetrician Thompson Infirmary Med School Boston 1835. Apostle 1840 2nd counsler 1847, migrated Salt Lake 1847-9, expedition secretary and medic/surgeon. Opened Deseret(Salt Lake)LDS clinic under Relief Society 1849 SLC.Started Deseret News<column on health. Trained Midwives many starting as girls. Treated gold rush miners 1849-50.<sup>[214]</sup>

# Scientists and inventors

- [David H. Bailey](#), mathematician<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Nathaniel Baldwin](#), telephonic headphone inventor<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [John Moses Browning](#), gun designer<sup>[215]</sup>
- [Jonathan Browning](#), gunsmith, inventor; father of John Moses Browning
- [Val A. Browning](#), gun designer; son of John Moses Browning<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John M. Butler](#), DNA profiler<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [William Clayton](#), inventor of the "roadometer", an early version of the modern [odometer](#)<sup>[216]</sup>
- [Henry Eyring](#), president of the [American Chemical Society](#) (1963), former professor at [Princeton University](#) and the [University of Utah](#)<sup>[217]</sup>

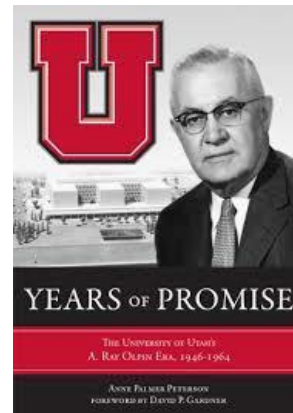


- [Philo T. Farnsworth](#), inventor of the [cathode ray television](#)<sup>[218]</sup> an American inventor and [television](#) pioneer.<sup>[213]</sup> He made many crucial contributions to the early development of all-electronic television.<sup>[4]</sup> He is best known for his 1927 invention of the first fully functional all-electronic image pickup device

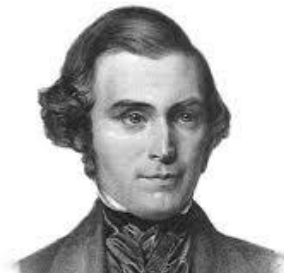
[Harvey Fletcher](#), inventor of [stereophonic sound](#) and the [hearing aid](#).



- [H. Tracy Hall](#), invented synthetic diamonds<sup>[219]</sup> The vast majority of the world's synthetic diamond powder is produced using the many thousands of cubic presses of Hall's design; in all world oil drilling
- [Robert B. Ingebretsen](#), co-developed digital audio recording; [Academy Award](#) recipient<sup>[220]</sup>
- [Don Leslie Lind](#), astronaut<sup>[221]</sup>
- [Yukihiro Matsumoto](#), chief designer of [Ruby programming language](#)<sup>[222]</sup>



- [A Ray Olpin](#) President of the University of Utah 1946-1964 co-inventor of television, atomic bomb



[Orson Pratt](#), mathematician and astronomer<sup>[citation needed]</sup> was an original member of the [Quorum of the Twelve Apostles](#) of the [Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints](#).

- [Alvino Rey](#), invented the pedal steel guitar<sup>[223]</sup>



- [James LeVoy Sorenson](#), inventor<sup>[224]</sup>



- [James E. Talmage](#), scholar, scientist<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

## Military Commanders

- [Donald Burdick](#), two-star USA general (retired)
- [Bruce Carlson](#), four-star USAF general (retired) and LDS General Authority<sup>[225]</sup>
- [Joseph W. Dailey](#), 5th [Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps](#)<sup>[226]</sup>
- [John R. Lasater](#), USAF brigadier general (retired) and LDS [general authority](#)<sup>[227][228]</sup>
- [John R. Massaro](#), 8th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps<sup>[229]</sup>



- [Robert C. Oaks](#), four-star USAF general (retired) and LDS [general authority](#)<sup>[230]</sup>

- [Brent Scowcroft](#), three-star USAF general (retired); National Security Advisor under Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush; co-wrote Bush's autobiography<sup>[full citation needed]</sup>



- [Paul A. Yost, Jr.](#), four-star USCG admiral (retired)<sup>[231]</sup>

## U.S. Medal of Honor recipients

See also: [List of Medal of Honor recipients](#)

- [Mervyn S. Bennion](#), U.S. Navy, World War II (awarded posthumously)<sup>[232]</sup>
- [David B. Bleak](#), U.S. Army, Korean War<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Leonard C. Brostrom](#), U.S. Army, World War II (awarded posthumously)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Sammy L. Davis](#), U.S. Army, Vietnam War (converted in 2012)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bernard F. Fisher](#), U.S. Air Force, Vietnam War<sup>[full citation needed]</sup>
- [Larry L. Maxam](#), U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam War (awarded posthumously)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Edward S. Michael](#), U.S. Army Air Forces, World War II (converted in 1976)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Thomas C. Neibaur](#), U.S. Army, World War II<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Clinton Romesha](#), U.S. Army, War in Afghanistan<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Junior N. Van Noy](#), U.S. Army, World War II (awarded posthumously)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [George E. Wahlen](#), U.S. Navy, World War II<sup>[full citation needed]</sup>

# Politics

## US politicians

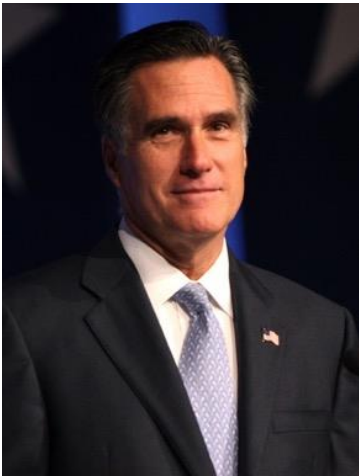
### Currently in office

#### U.S. Senate

- [Mike Crapo](#) (R-Idaho)<sup>[233]</sup>



- [Mike Lee](#) (R-Utah)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Tom Udall](#) (D-New Mexico)<sup>[233]</sup>
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- [Mitt Romney](#) (R-Utah)

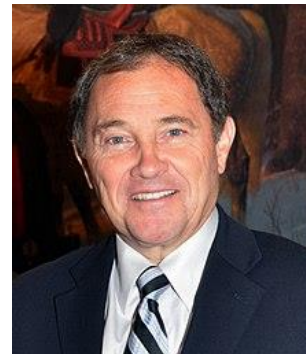
#### U.S. House of Representatives

- [Rob Bishop](#) (R-Utah)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Mike Simpson](#) (R-Idaho)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Chris Stewart](#) (R-Utah)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Ben McAdams](#) (D-Utah)



- [John Curtis](#) (R-Utah)

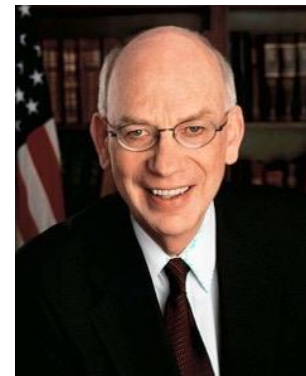
#### Governors



- [Gary Herbert](#) (R-Utah)<sup>[233]</sup>

#### Past office holders

##### U.S. Senate



- [Bob Bennett](#) (R-Utah, 1993–2010)<sup>[234]</sup>
- [Berkeley Bunker](#) (D-Nevada, 1940–42)<sup>[235]</sup>
- [Howard Cannon](#) (D-Nevada, 1959–83)<sup>[236][237] failed verification</sup>



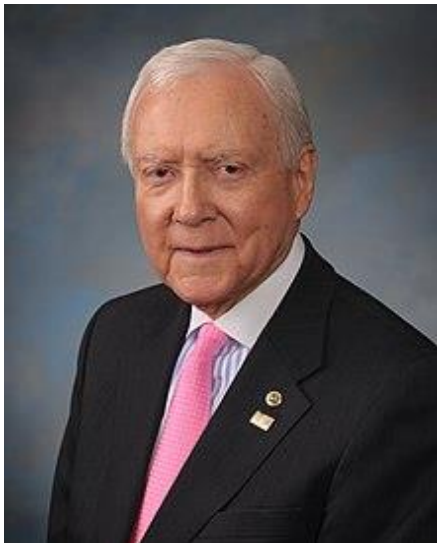
## U.S. House of Representatives

- [John Milton Bernhisel](#) (Utah Territory)<sup>[244]</sup>
- [Hamer Budge](#) (R–Idaho, 1951–61)<sup>[245]</sup>



- [Jake Garn](#) (R–Utah, 1974–93)<sup>[236]</sup><sup>[failed verification]</sup>
- [Paula Hawkins](#) (R–Florida, 1981–87)<sup>[238]</sup><sup>[239]</sup>
- [William H. King](#) (D–Utah, 1917–41)<sup>[240]</sup>
- [Frank E. Moss](#) (D–Utah, 1959–77)<sup>[236]</sup><sup>[failed verification]</sup>
- [Gordon Smith](#) (R–Oregon, 1997–2009)<sup>[241]</sup>
- [Reed Smoot](#) (R–Utah, 1903–33)<sup>[242]</sup>
- [Elbert Duncan Thomas](#) (D–Utah, 1933–51)<sup>[243]</sup>
- [Harry Reid](#) (D–Nevada, 1987–2017)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Dean Heller](#) (R–Nevada, 2011–2019)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jeff Flake](#) (R–Arizona, 2013–2019)

- [Jason Chaffetz](#) (R–Utah, 2009–2017)<sup>[246]</sup>
- [Curt Clawson](#) (R–Florida, 2014–2017)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Doolittle](#) (R–California, 1991–2009)<sup>[247]</sup>
- [Eni Faleomavaega](#), nonvoting delegate (D–American Samoa, 1989–2015)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Jeff Flake](#) (R–Arizona, 2001–13)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Jim Gibbons](#) (R–Nevada, 1997–2006)<sup>[248]</sup>
- [George Hansen](#) (R–Idaho, 1965–69, 1975–85)<sup>[249]</sup>
- [Ralph Harding](#) (D–Idaho, 1961–65)<sup>[250]</sup>
- [Cresent Hardy](#) (R–Nevada, 2015–2017)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Wally Herger](#) (R–California, 1987–2013)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Ernest Istook](#) (R–Oklahoma, 1993–2007)<sup>[251]</sup>
- [David S. King](#) (D–Utah, 1959–63, 1965–67)<sup>[252]</sup>
- [Buck McKeon](#) (R–California, 1993–2015)<sup>[233]</sup>
- [Howard Nielson](#) (R–Utah, 1983–91)<sup>[253]</sup>
- [Wayne Owens](#) (D–Utah, 1973–75, 1987–93)<sup>[236]</sup><sup>[254]</sup>
- [Matt Salmon](#) (R–Arizona, 1995–2001, 2013–2017)
- [Norman D. Shumway](#) (R–California, 1979–91)<sup>[255]</sup>
- [Richard Stallings](#) (D–Idaho, 1985–93)<sup>[256]</sup>
- [Richard Swett](#) (D–New Hampshire, 1991–95)<sup>[257]</sup>
- [Morris King Udall](#) (D–Arizona, 1961–91)<sup>[255]</sup>
- [Stewart Udall](#) (D–Arizona, 1955–61)<sup>[236]</sup>



- [Orrin Hatch](#) (R–Utah, 1977–2019)  
an American attorney, retired politician, and composer who served as a [United States Senator](#) from [Utah](#) for 42 years (1977–2019). He is the [longest-serving Republican](#) U.S. Senator in history and the longest-serving U.S. Senator from Utah.



- [Mia Love](#) (R–Utah, 2015–2019)

## Past U.S. governors



- [Mitt Romney](#) (R–Massachusetts, 2003–07), 2012
- [Norman H. Bangerter](#) (R–Utah, 1985–93)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Henry H. Blood](#) (D–Utah, 1933–41)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [George Dewey Clyde](#) (R–Utah, 1957–65)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Christopher Cutler](#) (R–Utah, 1905–09)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [John Evans](#) (D–Idaho, 1977–87)<sup>[258]</sup>
- [Jim Gibbons](#) (R–Nevada, 2007–11)<sup>[248]</sup>



[Jon Huntsman, Jr.](#), (R–Utah, 2005–09); 2012 Republican presidential candidate<sup>[citation needed]</sup>. He served as the [Ambassador of the United States to Russia](#) from 2017 to 2019, [to China](#) from 2009 to 2011, and [to Singapore](#) from 1992 to 1993.

- [Mike Leavitt](#) (R–Utah, 1993–2003)<sup>[259]</sup>
- [Charles R. Mabey](#) (R–Utah, 1921–25)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Scott M. Matheson](#) (D–Utah, 1977–85)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Herbert B. Maw](#) (D–Utah, 1941–49)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Evan Mecham](#) (R–Arizona, 1987–88)<sup>[260]</sup>
- [Calvin L. Rampton](#) (D–Utah, 1965–77)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [George Romney](#) (R–Michigan, 1963–69)<sup>[261]</sup>
- Republican presidential nominee<sup>[262]</sup>
- [William Spry](#) (R–Utah, 1909–17)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Olene S. Walker](#) (R–Utah, 2003–05)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

- [Heber Manning Wells](#) (R–Utah, 1896–1905), first governor of the state of Utah<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Arnold Williams](#) (D–Idaho, 1945–1947)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>



- [Brigham Young](#) (1851–58), first governor of [Utah Territory](#)

## Cabinet officers, ambassadors and senior administration officials

- [Terrel Bell](#), [U.S. Secretary of Education](#) (1981–85)<sup>[236][263]</sup>



- [Ezra Taft Benson](#), [U.S. Secretary of Agriculture](#) (1953–61)<sup>[264]</sup>
- [Angela Buchanan](#), [Treasurer of the United States](#) (1981–83)<sup>[265]</sup>



- [J. Reuben Clark](#), [Undersecretary of State](#), U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (1930–1933)<sup>[266]</sup> <sup>Apostle</sup>



- [Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs \(2009–12\)](#)<sup>[267]</sup>



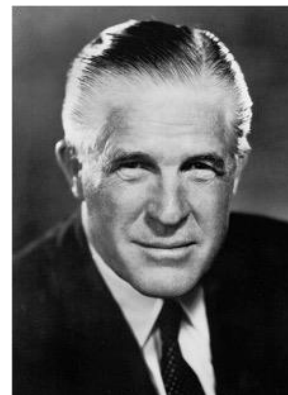
- [David M. Kennedy, U.S. Secretary of Treasury \(1969–71\); U.S. Ambassador to NATO \(1972–73\)](#) <sup>[236][failed verification]</sup>



- [Mike Leavitt, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services \(2005–09\); Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency](#)<sup>[259]</sup>



- [Rex Lee, U.S. Solicitor General \(1981–85\)](#) <sup>[236][failed verification]</sup>
- [James Henry Moyle](#), U.S. Assistant Secretary of Treasury (1917–21), U.S. Commissioner of [Customs](#) (1933–39), Special Assistant to U.S. Secretary of Treasury (1939–40)
- [Gregory J. Newell](#), U.S. Assistant Secretary of State (1982–85), United States Ambassador to Sweden (1985–1989)
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- [George Romney, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development \(1969–73\)](#)<sup>[261]</sup>
- [William Spry, Commissioner of the General Land Office \(1921–29\)](#)
- [Richard Swett](#), U.S. Ambassador to Denmark (1998–99)<sup>[257]</sup>
- [Matthew H. Tueller](#), U.S. Ambassador to Yemen (2014–present); U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait (2011–2014)
- [Stewart Udall, U.S. Secretary of the Interior \(1961–69\)](#)<sup>[236][failed verification]</sup>
- [Bruce Babbitt, U.S. Secretary of the Interior \(1993–2001\)](#)
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## Other American politicians



- [Eldridge Cleaver](#), Black Panther leader, author of *Soul on Ice*, candidate for President (1968) for Peace and Freedom Party<sup>[268]</sup>
- [Doug Coleman](#), member of the [Arizona House of Representatives](#) (R) (2013–incumbent)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Brent Coles](#), mayor of [Boise, Idaho](#)<sup>[269]</sup>



- [Marriner Stoddard Eccles](#), chairman of U.S. Federal Reserve Board (1934–48)<sup>[270]</sup>
- [Anne Neu](#), member of the [Minnesota House of Representatives](#) (2017–incumbent)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [David B. Haight](#), mayor of [Palo Alto, California](#)<sup>[271]</sup>
- [Joseph Smith](#), mayor of [Nauvoo, Illinois](#) and 1844 independent candidate for U.S. president
- [James Strang](#), member of the [Michigan House of Representatives](#) (1853–56)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Dennis Richardson](#), Oregon Secretary of State (2017–2019), former State Representative, and 2014 Governor candidate.
- [Arthur F. Miles](#), member of the [Utah State Legislature](#).
- [Tom Butler](#), former member of the [Oregon House of Representatives](#).

## Politicians outside the United States



- [Moroni Bing Torgan](#), former member of the [Brazilian Chamber of Deputies](#) (1991–95, 1999–2003)<sup>[294]</sup>

- [Brian Adam](#), [Scottish National Party](#) member of the [Scottish Parliament](#) for [Aberdeen Donside](#) (1999–2013)<sup>[272]</sup>
- [Cindy Ady](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#) for the [Progressive Conservatives](#) (2001–2012)<sup>[273]</sup>
- [Luis Alberto Ferrizo](#), member of the Congress of Uruguay<sup>[274]</sup>
- [Rob Anderson](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#), for the [Wildrose Alliance](#) (2008–2015)<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Jacinda Ardern](#), Prime Minister of New Zealand (2017 - ), although renounced Mormonism before taking office<sup>[275]</sup>
- [John Horne Blackmore](#), Leader of the [Social Credit Party of Canada](#) (1935–44) and member of the [Parliament of Canada](#) for [Lethbridge](#) (1935–58)<sup>[276]</sup>
- [Nathan Gill](#), [UKIP](#) member of the European Parliament for [Wales](#) (2014–)<sup>[277]</sup>
- [Grant Hill](#), former member of the [Parliament of Canada](#) for [Macleod](#) (1994–2004)<sup>[278]</sup>
- [Jim Hillyer](#), member of the [Parliament of Canada](#) for [Lethbridge](#) (2011–2016)<sup>[279]</sup>
- [Paul Hinman](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#), for the [Wildrose Alliance](#), (2005–2012); party leader, 2005–2009<sup>[280]</sup>
- [Grant Hunter](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#), for the [United Conservative Party](#) (2015–)<sup>[281]</sup>
- [Keiko Itokazu](#), member of the [Japanese Diet](#) (2004–)<sup>[282]</sup>
- [Broyce Jacobs](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#), for the [Progressive Conservative](#), (2001–04, 2008–12)<sup>[283]</sup>



- [Kim Ho Jik](#), vice-minister of education in the administration of South Korean president Syngman Rhee<sup>[284]</sup>—a key figure in opening South Korea to [missionary](#) work of the LDS Church. Kim was also vice-minister of education in the administration of [South Korean president Syngman Rhee](#).
- [Jeffrey Max Jones](#), former [National Action Party](#) Senator representing [Chihuahua, Mexico](#) (2000–06)<sup>[285]</sup>
- [Rahui Katene](#), New Zealand MP (2008–2011)<sup>[286]</sup>

- [Stephen Kerr](#), [Conservative](#) member of the [British House of Commons](#) for [Stirling](#) (2017–2019)
- ['Etuate Lavulavu](#), member of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>



- [Solon Earl Low](#), Leader of the [Social Credit Party of Canada](#) (1944–61), member of the [Parliament of Canada](#) for [Peace River](#) (1945–58) and member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#) (1935–45) and Provincial Treasurer (1937–44)<sup>[[287](#)]</sup>
- [Stuart Meha](#), [Māori](#) leader<sup>[[288](#)]</sup>
- [Terry Rooney](#), former [Labour](#) member of the [British House of Commons](#) for [Bradford North](#) (1990–2010)<sup>[[289](#)]</sup>
- [David Rutley](#), [Conservative](#) member of the [British House of Commons](#) for [Macclesfield](#) (2010–)<sup>[[290](#)]</sup>
- [Yeah Samake](#), candidate in the coup-interrupted 2012 Malian presidential election<sup>[[291](#)]</sup>
- [Frederik Samuelsen](#), member of the Danish [Rigsdag](#) (1906–18)<sup>[[292](#)]</sup>



- [Nathan Eldon Tanner](#), member of the [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#) (1935–52); speaker of the legislature (1936–37) and minister of lands and mines<sup>[[293](#)]</sup>
- [Puti Tipene Watene](#), New Zealand MP (1963–67) and trade unionist<sup>[[295](#)]</sup>
- [Craig Whittaker](#), [Conservative](#) member of the [British House of Commons](#) for [Calder Valley](#) (2010–)<sup>[[296](#)]</sup>

### Royalty

- ['Elisiva Fusipala Vaha'i](#), Tongan princess<sup>[[297](#)]</sup>
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## Church leaders

**Presidents of [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) (largest denomination, ≈16,000,000 adherents)**

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[Joseph Smith](#),  
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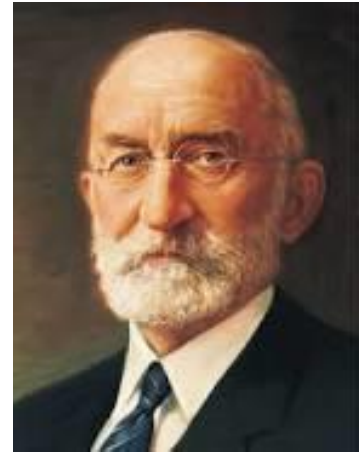
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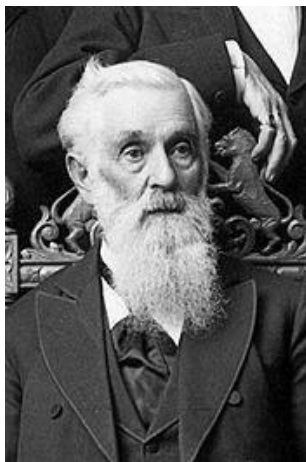
[John Taylor](#), also member of Utah territorial legislature



[Wilford Woodruff](#), also member of Utah territorial legislature



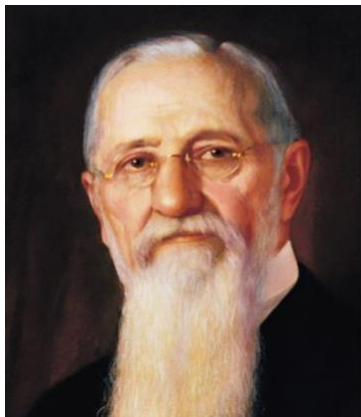
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[Joseph F. Smith](#), also member of Utah territorial legislature



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Joseph Fielding Smith



Ezra Taft Benson, also U.S. Secretary of Agriculture



Harold B. Lee



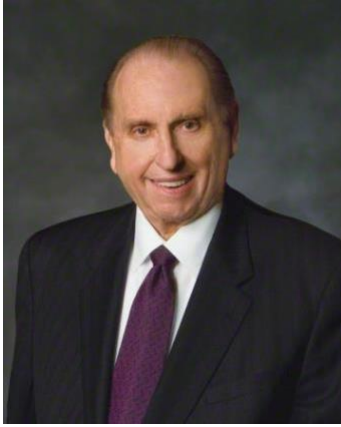
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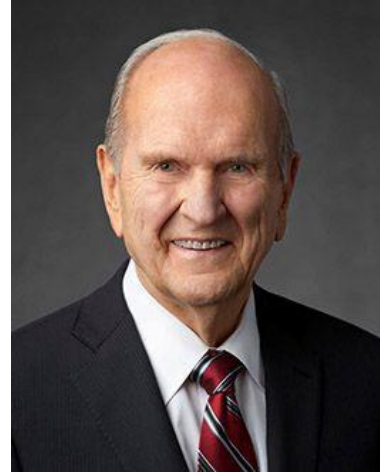
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# The 2023 Annual Report



## How the Church of Jesus Christ Cared for God’s Children

The church engaged in **4,119 humanitarian projects in 191 countries** last year.

This outreach, an increase from 2021, included **\$1.36 billion in expenditures and 6.2 million hours of voluntary service** according to the church.

### Emergency Response

- **1.59 million** pounds of food donated.
- **Over 70,000 individual donors** at church-sponsored blood drives.
- **415 emergency response projects** in 94 countries and territories.
- **113 emergency projects aiding displaced persons.**

**Blood drives** were a core component of The Church of Jesus Christ’s emergency response in 2023. Latter-day Saints not only make regular blood donations, according to church information, but also assist with scheduling and promoting drives, recruiting individuals to register and assisting with logistical needs on the day of a drive.

“So many Church members give the gift of life by donating blood,” said **American Red Cross CEO Gail McGovern** in a press release. “We get **100,000 units of blood from the Church every year**. There is no organization, no institution anywhere, that comes close to that. From a very personal perspective, I am in awe of your community’s commitment to faith and service.”

### Missionaries, member volunteers and JustServe

- **58,981,916 pounds of goods** recycled by Deseret Industries
- **110,019 participants** in self-reliance groups.
- **119,461** new local community volunteers registered through JustServe.org
- **17,502** new JustServe volunteer projects created
- **11,368** Welfare and Self-Reliance missionaries and long-term volunteers
- **10,112** Deseret Industries associates served
- **2,926** addiction recovery program meetings per week in 30 countries and 17 languages
- **2,500** new organizations registered on JustServe.org

In addition to the church’s organized humanitarian efforts, Latter-Day Saints spent countless hours ministering in their own communities, engaging in community service projects and more.

Yes. “By their fruits...”

The above Church  
members are  
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# “Gospel Voice”. Quick-Start Guide



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### Things to try

**Open Gospel Voice.** “Alexa, open Gospel Voice.” “Hey, Google, open Gospel Voice.”

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**(A personal promise to you:)**

“And when ye shall receive these things,  
I would exhort you that ye would ask God the Eternal Father  
In the name of Christ, if these things are not true.  
and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent,  
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## The RIGHT to Inspiration

In full reflection of the plethora of evidence here presented and with the accompaniment of a host of intellectual giants and leaders, I would add my own personal solidly anchored instance--one irrefutably stands out as a proof of the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Scripture tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall DIRECT thy paths." An extremely important principle of the Gospel is here defined in these few words. It is a principle that can come to each of us only through righteousness. It is a strong principle that can help guide each of us. It tells us that there are important occasions in our lives when we should, and must draw on heavenly influences to meet the problems of the day.



In reference to this profound scripture, I will here relate a very personal incident that exemplifies and bears out this theme. This particular incident was so impressive to me that I wrote it indelibly into my personal history. I called it "The RIGHT To Inspiration." Think about that---the RIGHT to inspiration. How do you gain the right to inspiration? That may sound somewhat presumptuous, but it is true. Each of us has a right to inspiration---whether you are a leader, or serve in any leadership, at home. In any capacity there are distinct times in our lives when we reach a very critical point; even a time

of desperate determination, when we must reach beyond our own self-imposed limitations and ask for something well beyond.

Lincoln aptly described this need as he bore the agonizing burden of the great Civil war, when hundreds of thousands of brothers from both sides were being killed, slaughtered and maimed. He said, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

I'll here relate a **very personal incident** that occurred some years ago. One that is still very fresh in my mind because it left such a lasting and profound impression. I was serving as a High Councilor in the LDS Provo, Utah Central Stake, prior to a major stake conference. I was told by our Stake President, President Thomas, that I had the assignment to be **one of two speakers**, myself and a sister as part of the **Saturday evening Stake Conference**. The two of us would both give short five-minute talks. **Boyd K. Packer**, from the Council of the Twelve would be the main speaker.

I don't know about you, but a 5-minutes talk scares me to death, especially in THAT circumstance. Any other talk, show me the podium!

As prominent as President Packer was, I knew the stake center would be absolutely packed to capacity. And remember, my assignment was for a five-minute talk! These short talks are without doubt the most difficult. The assignment was given on Saturday. I had just one week to prepare. Thereafter, my every available moment that next week was spent in earnest preparation.

My employment at that time was in Salt Lake City, so I was commuting to and from Provo, about a one-hour's drive each way. Since I was alone, coming and going, I rehearsed and changed, and changed and rehearsed, in an attempt to develop the talk I would give. Then Friday night came, and as I sat in my study making my final preparations, I **suddenly became aware** that the talk I had spent all weeklong preparing was **NOT** the talk I would give the next night. This was frightening. Here it was, the day before the night I was to deliver the talk and I felt that I had NO talk to give. And, I had only one day to prepare.

For me, writing is extremely difficult. I have written and rewritten some materials as many as seventy-five times as a foreword in one of the books I published. It is like an artist carefully choosing each appropriate color to apply to his masterpiece. There, that evening, I felt that I had done ALL that I could possibly do to prepare.

I had worked diligently and conscientiously to develop my material. And now...a hollow feeling filled my stomach. At that moment I felt that I had only one recourse.

This was the time when I must pray, pray very fervently. And fervently I did for several minutes. Then I seemed to sense a warm calm that came over me. And I proceeded to take up my ballpoint pen and placed my long yellow legal pad directly in front of me, and I waited a moment or two. Then I began to write while clearly in my mind I listened to and **recognized** the distinctive voice of **Bruce R. McConkie** of the then Council of the Twelve----**dictating to me**. He proceeded for some minutes, not too fast, just at a steady pace that I could keep up. Until he had dictated to me my entire talk. His material completely filled two and a half legal pages. I was totally taken by the moment, and I then carefully read back through it. I made only two changes and they were only punctuation marks. Well, I needed to know how long it was,

so I read it aloud to time it--- by my digital watch. I clocked five minutes and 1/10 of a second. I was completely overwhelmed. I had never experienced anything like that before in my entire life. Excited by the moment, I came upstairs from my basement study and related my extraordinary experience to my wife. It was a very personal moment of inspiration! She said, "Well, you deserved it. You worked for it." "I really did," I told her.

The next evening, I gave that talk just as it was given to me. The most interesting part about this was the fact that later I found out that the suggested material outline for all the stake conferences for that time had been prepared by Bruce R. McConkie. Numerous times since then I have reflected upon this very personal incident. It changed my life. I doubt that I will ever have another quite like it.

This type of incident may never happen to you--but to me it proves the very important point that you and I have the RIGHT to inspiration in our personal lives, particularly in our responsibilities toward others. However, the all-important KEY, I firmly believe, is that we must: **FIRST DO ALL THAT WE** can do to accomplish the intended purpose. When we have done THAT, we have fulfilled our part of the responsibility. Not until! And when we have done THAT, with sincerity and diligence, we have **EARNED** the right to ask--- keeping ourselves in tune with the spirit of inspiration and revelation.

This principle of inspiration can be applied to family, church, your job, education---any portion of your life.

Have you ever had a great need to know or do something? All of us have at some one time or another. This principle is a viable and essential part of the Restored Gospel. It is a **principle** that can come to each of us only **through righteousness**.



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