

NOTE ON REFERENCES AND AUTHORITY

The French philosopher Voltaire is accredited with the statement: *History consists of a series of accumulated imaginative inventions*. But what reference can be used to substantiate this accreditation? Did he really say or write it, or was it a quote from the works of the lesser-known Francois-Marie Arouet? If it came from one of Voltaire's published works, how do we know that whoever was responsible for publishing the book didn't interpolate the quote into Voltaire's writings? We don't know. We can't know for sure. Therefore, all we have is our conscience and free will to choose to accept and believe what we want to about history.

How many readers upon reading the preceding paragraph wondered, "Who is Francois-Marie Arouet?" How many would take the time and effort to research it if they didn't know? How many who are reading this book are going to accept or discount the facts presented herein based only on whether or not the reader agrees or disagrees with the author? If the author substantiates that Voltaire and Arouet are the same person, then those who opened this book who agree with the author, will most likely accept the fact or research it in order to further confirm their agreeability. Those who opened this book who disagree with the author, will question everything written herein, regardless of what research they might do to substantiate the facts; regardless of how many footnotes and references are used; regardless of how logical the presentation.

"Facts" are simply information that a person accepts as truth according to his or her own predetermined filters for accepting and rejecting information. Information is the communication or reception of something that one can relate to in his or her current reality. For example, if you believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, then this current reality has formed a filter that only accepts information that supports the belief that he was and rejects any information that he was not. Most people on earth do not believe he was a prophet of God; therefore, most readers (if they even find the interest) will filter any information they encounter and negate their ability to accept new information with an open mind and real intent. This is the reason there are so many biographies written and why they often contradict each other. Each author uses these *information filters* in the presentation of their "facts."

These filters play a very important role in the writing of history. Everything that is accepted as history is the end result of an *accepted* image of events projected through the author's filters. Although it is impossible to predict the absolute future, only a historian can alter the past. History, as it is written and accepted by mortal human beings, is the distillation of rumors into a palatable concoction that cures the need to know and understand.¹

Throughout this book, the reader will be presented with footnotes that are intended (with hope) to distill the information into the right consistency so that it can pass through the readers' filters. There will be references that support the filters of both, those who accept Joseph Smith, and those who don't. The footnotes and their references will be presented in the best possible way so that they conform to accepted literary presentation.

¹ Timothy

HOWEVER, there will be some reference notes given throughout this book that are unique to this **authorized** and **official** biography on the life of Joseph Smith. These distinctive references will be placed in the footnotes with the following denotations: **RJSH** (Resurrected Joseph Smith Himself); **RMH** (Resurrected Moroni Himself); **Timothy**; **Mathoni**; **Mathonihah**; **JTB** (John the Beloved).

In the Introduction, the LDS author of the most widely accepted published history on Joseph's life was quoted, saying: "it is important...that as far as possible the events which make up the history be related by the persons who witnessed them...giv[ing] the reader testimony of the facts at first hand."² However, based on the standards for recording and accepting history as explained above, along with each reader's own filters, any related "facts at first hand" become suspect. For this very reason, the now resurrected Joseph is involved in the publication of his own history. "There is no published account giving a truthful rendition of any of the events of my life. Only I know my true history."³

The authority given this author to publish what Joseph has to say on his own history is the same authority that the mortal Joseph received from the resurrected Moroni, who without concealing his existence, interacted with Joseph as an advanced human being beginning September 21, 1823 until the end of his life. This authority, of course, will be questioned by all those who do not accept this author, either as being in the same role as the mortal Joseph—as a **true messenger**—or who acts as Joseph did in the role of a deceiver, opportunist, and manipulator of others. Regardless of whatever point of view is used to discredit this work, this author has the **exact same** authority and commission given to Joseph Smith, which includes the same Urim and Thummim. It is through the Urim and Thummim that most of the quotes are received that are accredited to Joseph (RJSH) and Moroni (RMH).

In Joseph's day, there was no way he could have explained how the Urim and Thummim worked, because there was no technology available that would have presented a similarity in describing their function. But there is today!⁴ The Urim and Thummim work in unison as an advanced cell phone disguised as opaque quartz rocks. They can receive text messages and video much the same way a modern cell phone does. Place them over a passage of ancient text or any written words and they take a picture of the image and send it to an advanced human being who has the knowledge and capability to respond with a proper translation or explanation. It's really that simple!

With advanced technology, the energy produced by thought is received as a "sent" message. If, during his mortal life, for example, Joseph was wondering about a certain topic, his thoughts produced a "call" to an advanced human who was "dialed" into the frequency (phone number) of Joseph's brain. Sitting in front of the rocks and holding them so that they "turn on," the user simply thinks a thought and a response text message or image appears much the same way they would appear on the screen of a modern cell phone.

This author has the "cell phone" (U&T) that "calls" the resurrected Joseph anytime he wishes to ask a relevant question during the compilation of his **true** history.

2 HC 1:III

3 Resurrected Joseph Smith Himself (RJSH)

4 Marvelous Work and a Wonder® (MVAW), "How was the Sealed Portion Translated," 20 Mar. 2010, <<http://www.marvelousworkandawonder.org/tsp/download/HowWasTheSealedPortionTranslated.pdf>>.

Because this author's brain is still imperfect, he does not depend on his memory to recall what Joseph told him in face-to-face communication. A recollection of what was said during these meetings will be summarized in this biography, but when an actual word-for-word quote (RJSH) is given, it will always come through the Urim and Thummim. In addition, since Joseph is currently residing on the same planet as Moroni, and they both have access to the receiving technology of the U&T, if a quote from Moroni (RMH) is needed for the biography, it will be received and referenced accordingly.

The Three Nephites and John the Beloved, unnoticed by others, played a major role in helping Joseph fulfill his mission. These four men are available to help this author compile the **true** history according to their own personal "facts at first hand." When a quote or summation of some event is given by one of these "Brothers," the appropriate reference will be given in the footnote.

Joseph was asked, "What are the most important things to be covered in your biography?" He responded by quoting a Book of Mormon passage⁵ with his own slant:

*Do not give a full accounting of my ancestry. There have been many books written that subject one's intelligence to unnecessary names and events that played no significant part in accomplishing what I was asked to do. The intent should remain focused on the events surrounding the fulfillment of my role as a true messenger who was not allowed to disclose his true identity and character. Compile information with the intent to diffuse the false authority and misrepresentations given in the many other biographies written about my mortal life. Sufficient is the mention of other persons I encountered in serving in the role and how these encounters affected the outcome of my mission.*⁶

The resurrected Joseph is amused at what has been done *with* his name and *in* his name. Since no advanced being is ever upset with the course of human nature—because they know that the experience of mortality leads to the good of the human creature in the end—they maintain a good sense of humor to go along with their eternal perspective. This is what is meant by "amused." And nothing amuses Joseph more than the waste of time, resources, and effort the modern LDS Church puts into genealogy and temple work. He reflects with a smile on how his story is presented to the world by LDS missionaries quoting the first part of the book of James, chapter 1,⁷ but failing to include the last part of the chapter, which describes perfectly the "pure religion undefiled before God"⁸ he set out to establish during his mortal calling. The proclaimed mission of the LDS Church⁹ couldn't be further from "visit[ing] the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and...keep[ing one]self unspotted from the world." The United States-based church is one of the most powerful, ostensibly non-political, organizations in the world. The LDS Church follows the political lines of Ultra Conservatism, teaching self-sufficiency, and

5 BOM, 1 Nephi, chapter 6

6 RJSH

7 James 1:5

8 James 1:27

9 Mormonwiki, "Three-fold Mission of the Church," 20 May 2010, <http://www.mormonwiki.com/Three-fold_mission_of_the_Church>.

worldly education and success as a demonstration that one is being blessed by God. They have their own definition of being “*unspotted from the world.*”¹⁰

When the resurrected Joseph first made contact with this author on June 16, 1987, one of the New Testament parables that was keynote in his preliminary message can be found in Matthew, chapter 25.¹¹ It relates what Jesus said about the final judgment of the world. With a gentle smile, again *amused*, Joseph pointed out the hypocrisy of the LDS Church and how its members will find themselves on the “left hand of God” wondering why they were not placed on the right. Joseph paraphrased other statements accredited to Jesus found in the New Testament, “*They [LDS] will profess that they did many wonderful works in the name of Christ, only to find out that they never knew him or understood the purpose for his mortality.*”^{12 13}

As a mortal, Moroni couldn’t restrain his condemnation of the practice of genealogy and temple work that has nothing to do with human salvation, neither in this world nor in the world to come.¹⁴ But the *resurrected* Moroni is *amused* at the singularity of his image and name presented in *gold* atop the majority of the LDS temples in the world. Nothing is more refreshing to the human experience than a healthy sense of humor. This emotion is unique to the free-willed human being and begins with a proper understanding of the **real truth** of all things. Only with this distinctive sense (humor) could both Moroni and Joseph perform their mortal missions and now enjoy their eternal perspectives.

To most mortal readers, nothing about Joseph Smith and what he accomplished is humorous. But that’s because none have a proper eternal perspective, nor do they understand what he accomplished. After reading this **authorized** and **official** biography, it is hoped that the world can rejoice in what Joseph did. And one day, when all of us are again advanced human beings, laugh about it.

The information presented throughout this book will focus on the specific details of significant events that allowed Joseph to accomplish what he was mandated to do. Other events of no real relevance to his mission will be omitted. Naturally, nothing else matters about his life except *why* he lived. The commentary given throughout by this author is **authorized** by Joseph himself and sanctioned by the Three Nephites and John the Beloved (“the Brothers”). Before each chapter is approved for publication, these four individuals give their stamp of approval. Much of the commentary is derived from direct communication, as described above in the use of the Urim and Thummim and with almost daily interaction with the Brothers, who live in various parts of the world doing what they have always done. Timothy lives in the United States close to this author. He is the main mentor and authority behind this author’s work.

The authors of every other biography written about Joseph Smith quote each other’s works. The reason why Joseph Smith himself has mandated this **authorized** and

10 Publisher’s Note: Since the introduction of The Sealed Portion of the Book of Mormon (in 2004) and the other books associated with the Marvelous Work and a Wonder®, Christopher has continually challenged the LDS Church’s Three-fold Mission Statement. Finally, in December of 2009, the LDS Church officially changed its Mission Statement to include “caring for the poor and needy.” (See Salt Lake Tribune, Dec. 10, 2009, <http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_13965607>.)

11 Matthew 25:31–46

12 RJSH

13 Matthew 7:21–23

14 The Sealed Portion of the Book of Mormon (TSP), chapter 12

official biography is to counter the agenda of the modern LDS Church to acquire all known documents concerning *“the life and work of Joseph Smith, early Mormonism, and nineteenth-century American religion. For the first time, all of Joseph Smith’s known surviving papers, which include many of the foundational documents of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be easily accessible in one place.”*¹⁵

The LDS Church claims that the purpose for accumulating and publishing these documents as “The Joseph Smith Papers,” is that *“producing a definitive, scholarly edition of Joseph Smith’s papers will allow increased and better scholarship on Joseph Smith and early Mormonism. Scattered documents will be gathered into one multivolume source, and manuscripts of varying legibility will be carefully transcribed and verified. In addition to making the content of these documents more accessible, transcription and publication will help preserve these delicate documents, which are subject to the ravages of age and handling and to possible damage from water, fire, and insects.”*¹⁶

The claim to make “these documents more accessible” is a ruse used by the LDS Church to accumulate the documents and present them to the world according to its own *notebook*. The work is being published by The Church Historians’ Press, an imprint of the Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All of the work’s editors are LDS. However, to justify their hidden agenda and make the work seem more acceptable to those who call themselves “experts” in historical research, the Church petitioned the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. The NHPRC has a mandated mission from the United States Congress to support activities that preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources relating to the history of the United States. NHPRC endorsement is given to projects that meet rigorous standards in the field of documentary editing. Information required in an application includes the purpose of the project, the significance of its subject to United States history, the plan of work, the publications to be produced, and the qualifications of personnel. Intense scrutiny is given to sample documents and their transcripts. A project’s methodology concerning collection and selection of documents and consistent adherence to stated editorial procedures are examined. Based on their own review and on the blind reviews of outside peers, the commission endorsed the Joseph Smith Papers Project in May 2004.¹⁷ One of the most influential members on the NHPRC board is, of course, LDS.¹⁸

No matter how many documents associated with the life of Joseph Smith, of whatever nature, are reviewed and scrutinized by the most astute and scrupulous historians, none of them will be able to answer some of the most crucial questions about the Mormon prophet. If they could, they would have already. Why didn’t Joseph Smith’s family follow Brigham Young? Why are there so many different factions of the Mormon faith that contradict and disagree with each other? Why did almost all of Joseph’s closest friends and high-ranking officials in the early LDS Church, and most of the 11 witnesses to the actuality of the gold plates, denounce him as a false or fallen prophet? Why did Joseph make the comment throughout his life, that if the **real truth** of

15 The Joseph Smith Papers (TJSP), 20 May 2010, <http://josephsmithpapers.org/FAQ.htm>, question 1

16 TJSP, question 2

17 TJSP, question 10

18 TJSP, question 13

who he was and what he knew was known, his own followers would rise up and kill him?¹⁹ In addition, the critics of Joseph Smith and Mormonism have their own set of historical standards that they follow in presenting their views. Many of their questions and critiques are honest and viable. Yet, no LDS historian, no matter how extensive their documentation and collection of documents, can answer their questions. This book answers all these questions!

What Mormons fail to realize is that Joseph fulfilled the prophecies of the book from which they received their traditional and cultural distinction: The Book of **Mormon**. Although the Book of Mormon is universally available, the few who actually read it pass over these prophecies, believing that they have nothing to do with them, but are directed to an ancient people. Well, the book wasn't intended for an "ancient people." It was intended for the people of the modern world in which it is published worldwide!

If Joseph Smith were alive today and taught the same things, in the same way, few modern Mormons would have anything to do with him. The first principle Joseph attempted to introduce was the United Order, a societal ideology that is a strict form of Socialism, teetering on Marxist Communism. The idea was rejected in his day just as it is rejected by mainstream Mormons today. Joseph attempted to implement the "**fullness** of the everlasting gospel as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants" as presented in the Book of Mormon.²⁰ The people rejected this in his day just as they do today.

The "fullness of the everlasting gospel" is **the mark** left upon this world by Jesus, the Christ. Its *fullness* can be found in the words that Jesus delivered to the Jews of the Bible and to the Nephites of the Book of Mormon.²¹ Because the people to whom Joseph was sent with this "fullness of the everlasting gospel" looked for other things beyond this **mark**, Joseph was given instructions to cause the people to stumble and fall.²²

Joseph was given the authority and direct mandates to do what he did, but he never disclosed what those mandates were. He never discussed the "many other things" or the "instructions" he was given by Moroni, the Three Nephites, John the Beloved, and Christ himself. Had he, the people would have risen up and killed him...just like they did!

With this same authority, Joseph has given a direct mandate to finally disclose everything about his **true** history to the people of the world. This book will explain what he gave the people, because they desired it, that they could not understand, which caused them to stumble exceedingly. And this stumbling continues to this day as Mormons throughout the world fulfill the prophecies of their own scriptures.

History may indeed *consist of a series of accumulated imaginative inventions that are distilled into a palatable concoction that cures the need to know and understand*. Nevertheless, now, for the first time in *history*, the world will finally have the "series of accumulated inventions" as Joseph Smith experienced them. With the help of the above named resources, this book will attempt to distill Joseph's history into a palatable concoction that cures the reader's need to know and understand.

19 See Introduction, footnote 8

20 JSH 1:34

21 Compare Matthew, chapters 5, 6, 7 with 3 Nephi, chapters 12, 13, 14

22 Jacob 4:14