

(Reported by Arthur Winter.)

Senator—I understand this Manifesto was inspired.
Elder—Yes.
Senator—That is your understanding of it?
Elder—My answer was that it was inspired.
Senator—And when it was handed to you it was an inspiration, as you understand, from on high, was it not?
Elder—Yes.
Senator—What business had you to change it?

they would accept them as their spiritual leaders and teachers in the things of God.

I marvel at the condescension of God, and well may the world marvel at His condescension in thus submitting a question of this character to those who were to participate in it. But when I come to analyze it and to comprehend it, I understand that God here recognizes a great truth, recognizes also the dignity of His children, and gives recognition to their rights and liberties.

Christ; but always giving that measure of truth that the people are prepared to receive. "Mormonism" holds, then, that all the great teachers are servants of God; among all nations and in all ages. They are inspired men, appointed to instruct God's children according to the conditions in the midst of which He finds them. Hence it is not obnoxious to "Mormonism" to regard Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher and moralist, as a servant of God, inspired to a certain degree by

question is then asked, "What remains?"

Why, the truth remains! The action of the Church has not affected that in the least. It is just as true as if the Church had accepted it. Our acceptance or rejection does not make or mar the truth; it simply determines our own relationship to that truth. If we reject the truth, the truth still remains. And, moreover, it is my own faith that a people who would reject the truth revealed of God to them would make no

excommunicated from the Church. They were not inspired in those instances, were they? Evidently not. When you come to think of human weaknesses and imperfections, and how difficult it is for men living under the effects of the Fall, and borne down with inherited tendencies also—when you think how extremely difficult it is for even the best of men to rise above these things and walk constantly in the sunlight of God's inspiration, in the continued fellowship of the Holy Ghost,

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