

# MORMONISM A MESSAGE OF TRUTH

Address Delivered Before the Ensign Stake Conference, in the  
Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday Afternoon,  
June 23, 1907.

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It is doubtless known to the majority of those here present, the occasion of this meeting is that of the quarterly conference of one of the stakes or divisions of the Church, this one known specifically as the Ensign stake; and while it is true that public services are held here generally on the afternoon of every Sabbath, the assemblies are not always under precisely the same auspices; sometimes the gatherings being representative of the Church as a whole, and sometimes under the arrangement made by and under the direction of one or more of the auxiliary or secondary organizations of the Church. Those who attended the services of this morning held in the Assembly Hall had presented before them a very instructive object lesson as to the organization of this remarkable Church; for in the presentation of reports and in the action taken by the assembled people in voting for the officers of the stake, the plan of organization was plainly set forth; and as I followed the various stages of the procedure I was impressed by the truth which has been revealed to me of late by many who are now members of our Church—that a more magnificent organization, more splendidly officered than the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not to be found on the face of the earth. That conviction has formed itself concretely and sympathetically in the minds of many thinkers, and I know it to be founded on truth.

**PUBLIC SENTIMENT CHANGING.**  
From the address to which you have listened this afternoon, you have learned much regarding the simple message which this Church is proclaiming, and you have seen how it is being adapted to the times; one that has been established according to prophetic prediction, established at the time predicted, in the manner predicted, and maintained in a course of unintermitted development according to sacred and divine promise. As has been emphasized here today, this Church is holding out the hand of fellowship to the world. No mailed fist, no sword in grasp is presented. Its weapons in the contest are the weapons of truth, and content has been, is, and inevitably will be. I have been particularly impressed, during the last few weeks, in the course of which my appointed duties have led me through many of the eastern and intermediate states with the remarkable change that is coming over the nation's opinions regarding this modern Church. I have noted other changes before, and I have heard abroad that the feeling of the people of the world toward it does continually undergo change. I have had to come back to these valleys of the mountains and read certain local publications to know what a wretchedly bad people we are. I have heard abroad that we are accomplishing a great deal of good, and I have observed with interest and surprise that the strong, well-organized periodicals and daily newspapers of the day have no room in their columns for these retold fallacies that have been presented as facts founded on misconception during the many decades past. I declare to you solemnly and on my own responsibility that if you are joining in this continual roar that is kept up by certain ones, in which there is little beside vilification, in which this Church is denounced, you are away behind the times, and intelligent people don't think of listening to such harangues. I speak whereof I know.

You have heard the stories, in one form or another, that have been told about us. They have been carefully traced up inside the shell of a certain species of nut that grows in a very prickly burr. I rejoice in this change of public opinion because it is the progress and advancement of the more thorough fulfillment of the prediction and prophecy; because it confirms me in my expectation and hope of seeing truth triumphant and people judging more wisely. I have heard that the spirit of brotherly love.

There have been some recent attacks and necessitated replies regarding certain accusations made by this Church. I was a pretty constant reader of the papers while I was traveling. I did not get any papers from home, from these peaceful valleys—they did not reach me on my trip. I read the eastern papers, and I failed to see any ground for the charges made. I had taken place here in fact I knew nothing about it, except by letters from home.

**OLD TIME PERSECUTIONS OUT OF DATE.**  
My friends who are not of us—my brethren and sisters who are members of this Church, the world is preparing to look with the eye of greater sincerity, without the colored glasses that have been so industriously displayed upon our principles during the present—not in the past. I confess to you I do not always feel quite satisfied when I hear our own elders, missionaries in the field, devoting so much time to the persecutions of the past, through which our people have gone. We are sure to have opposition enough, but the opposition today promises to be of a kind different from that of the past; and those who are still trying to use the weapons of persecution that were in vogue three centuries ago are also scarce by up to date.

**WANT TO LEARN MORMONISM.**  
I have visited of late a number of the important centers of learning, and I find the colleges and universities of the day are asking for lecturers who will present before them the principles and philosophy of our religion and theology. A representative of a very eminent literary organization informed me shortly before I started upon my journey that they had invited some of our missionary elders to address them in their society meetings and had listened with much interest to the historical accounts that had been given. They knew the accounts to be on the whole true, and believed them to be fully true, "but we want something more now," said they. "Do you think it is possible for a representative or representatives from your people to come to us during our season of lectures and tell us something about our faith?" This is a very great part in the working out of the destinies of this nation.

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worthy men who though they do not profess the faith that we profess, are trying to lead their people aright, and verily they shall not lose their reward. There are some black sheep among the pulpit preachers, who are preaching for dimes and dimes for nothing, and verily they shall soon be forgotten. The work of God comprises the work of this nation, and in His eyes, this is a great and glorious one. This is a great and glorious one. This is a great and glorious one. This is a great and glorious one.

**AN ALLEGORY.**  
Once upon a time there was a little old woman, weakened and shriveled and of very sour temper, she lived in a house next door to the home of a respectable family. The little old dame was always pouring forth some bitter words whenever she could see a member of this family, and hearing of some of their doings, and she would say, "I think she had been disappointed in love; that would account for her sour temper. She had been disappointed in love; that would account for her sour temper. She had been disappointed in love; that would account for her sour temper."

**FAITH IN THE NATION.**  
I have confidence and faith in my country, in its institutions, in its constitution, in its inspired Constitution. I have faith in the press of the nation. Though I know that there are black sheep in every fold, I have not lost my faith in the white ones, and they greatly predominate. I was traveling with a friend not long ago across one of our own deserts. We saw some flocks of sheep, and he put to me a somewhat puzzling question. He said, "Can you tell me why there are some black sheep in the flocks?" I answered, "Because not all of our sheep are white." "Well that is a good reason," said he; "but the shepherds need the black ones there, because, they are so few it is easy to count them. If the owners know there is one black sheep in every hundred whites, they know they haven't lost many white ones if the black ones in full number are still there. There are some very bad newspapers, and there is some very bad printers' ink, which, however, may be preferable to the red. I have faith in the institutions of my country, in her business institutions, in her press, and in her pulpits, for there are many

## GENEALOGY

The Stearns Family—The Grays, Who Married Into the Miles Standish Family—The Frost Family of the United States—Semi-annual Reunions—Major Charles Frost Killed by Indians on the Fourth of July, 1697—Who Will Help?

This department is prepared by the genealogical committee of the Daughters of the Pioneers, Elizabeth Claridge McCune, chairman. I declare to you solemnly and on my own responsibility that if you are joining in this continual roar that is kept up by certain ones, in which there is little beside vilification, in which this Church is denounced, you are away behind the times, and intelligent people don't think of listening to such harangues. I speak whereof I know.

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Clark family of the United States, by Israel J. Clark of Ashley, Utah.  
Carpenter family of the United States, by Caroline M. C. Smith of Logan, Utah.  
Criticlow family of the United States, by I. C. Criticlow of Ogden, Utah.  
Carter family of the United States, by Daniel Carter (place not given).  
Cormia family of the United States, by Hyrum Cormia of Newton, Utah.  
Culmer family of the United States, by Fred Culmer of Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Chipman family of the United States, by W. Chipman of American Fork, Utah.  
Casper family of the United States, by William Casper of Mill Creek, Utah.  
Call family of the United States, by Chester Call of Bountiful, Utah.  
Cairn family of the United States, by John Cairn of Provo, Utah.  
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Chase family of the United States, by Naomi Chase of Logan, Utah.  
Child family of the United States, by W. G. Child of Ogden, Utah.  
Campbell family of the United States, by J. H. Campbell of Providence, Utah.  
H. Cardon family of Italy, by P. Cardon of Benson, Utah.  
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Downer family, by Parley P. Ringham of Trenton, Utah.

**NEW LINCOLN ANECDOTE.**  
The day after the great fire following the fall of Richmond, Lincoln, with a small body guard, walked through the streets of the charred city. As he approached the corner occupied by Gen. Pickett's residence, he directed the guard to wait, and to their astonishment ran two steps at a time up to the door and rapped. The servant had fled. The "Baby Bride" had never seen President Lincoln, but she had read his letters to her husband, and from him had learned to hold in highest esteem the great northern president. With her baby in her arms she opened the door and looked up at the tall, gaunt man with the sad face and uncouth ways.

**WILL CURE CONSUMPTION.**  
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**CHINESE FAMINE.**  
A Viceroy Says It Has Been the Worst in Forty Years.  
Consul Thorneval Hayes transmits the following account of the famine in the Nankin district, China:  
A famine, due to floods and a consequent failure of the rice crop, has prevailed in this district since December, 1905, threatening the lives of 4,000,000 people. Some 35,000 refugees from the north and south camped around Nankin in improvised straw sheds, many of them with no beds but the damp ground. As many gathered around the other large cities in this district, all coming to get their share of the free rice which the officials distributed in the form of rations. Nankin thousands of them built their huts in the bed of the canal, whence the water at the time had subsided. The viceroy acknowledged that he was unable to cope with such a situation, and welcomed the aid of foreign powers. Shanghai, Nankin, Chongking, and other places, gave liberally. The authorities greatly helped the starving people to keep their cattle, and to this end took their oxen and buffaloes in pawn for two taels each, and kept them until the spring, when the viceroy says that this famine is 10 times worse than anything in this part of the empire for 40 years.

**ANCIENT ROME.**  
is now merely a memory of the past. The ruins of the city are the only remains of the twentieth century. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc. Dr. J. H. R. Stanley, Mo., writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for Rheumatism and all pains I ever had, and it is a great relief. For sale by Z. C. M. F. Drug Dept., 112 and 114 South Main Street."

**EXTRACTS FROM PRESIDENT FROST'S LETTER.**  
Nicholas Frost (the emigrant) came to Boston from Tiverton, Devonshire, Eng., in 1630, and in 1634 he settled at Kittery Point in Maine on a portion of a tract of land ceded to Sir William Berkeley. He had two wives and was the father of 17 children, and his descendants in the New England states were their ancestry to this family. Edmund Frost, brother of Nicholas, came in 1635 and settled in Cambridge, Mass., and William Frost, a Welshman, came in 1670 to Plymouth, Mass., thence to Boston, and in 1672 went to Oyster Bay, Long Island, where he reared a large family, whose descendants spread over York state, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There are over 500 Frosts in Boston and the suburbs, who reckon ancestry from the three emigrants.

**HISTORY OF BETHEL, MAINE.**  
Mrs. Winters has a book, "The History of Bethel, Me.," containing some New England facts. At the following names, that any one interested in them can have by calling on her: Address Mrs. Mary A. Winters, 174 east Third Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Abbot, Allen, Andrews, Andrews, Barker, Bean, Battle, Blake, Bond, Bird, Brown, Chapman, Cushman, Dunton, Elmes, Estes, Grover, Hastings, Howe, How, Kimball, Kimball, Layman, Mason, Oliver, Powers, Russell, Town, Twitchell, Wheeler, Walker, Woodbury, York, Young.

**TEMPLE WORK ALREADY DONE.**  
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Cowan family of Isle of Man, by Joseph E. Cowan of Logan, Utah.  
Cowan family of the United States, by Abraham Cowan of Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Calder family of Scotland, by William Calder of Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Crowther family of England, by John Crowther of Logan, Utah.  
Condie family of Scotland, by Gibson Condie (place not given).

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One can never tell what day some member of the family will become constipated or have indigestion, jaundice, bloated stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, bad breath, flatulency, lazy liver, weak stomach, sick headache or some other ailment affecting the stomach, liver or bowels, and then Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will be instantly needed, as it is sure to cure these diseases. It is sold under a positive guarantee to do what is claimed for it or money will be refunded. It is easy to take because pleasant to the taste, is gentle in action but promptly effective, and entirely free from the gripping so common in salts, purgative waters and cathartic pills, tablets or powders. It is for that reason the best remedy for infants, children, women, old people, invalids and others and yet is active enough to be promptly effective in the most robust grown persons. Go to your druggist to-day and get a 50 cent or \$1 bottle under the guarantee. Complete directions are on every bottle.

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