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There is a passage which will be found in one of the epistles of John, the substance of which I will repeats "Every spirit that not that Jesus is the Christ is not I may not have given you this word for word, as it is recorded, but I have given you the substance of it as in the scriptures. It is well known by all readers of the scriptures, that had to contend against a power which is in manifestations of devils, when in the tabopposition to the Almighty. It seems that our world is infested with those spirits of were perfect angels on earth. darkness which were, in the beginning, cast from the Almighty, in consequence of their rebellion against Him; and in the priesthood has been upon the all the fiesh and blood merely, but against spirit- of the powers of darkness in early ages; only have to meet with wieked men, and forth their power in ancient times. the power of the devil manifested in them, but the Saints of God have always had to the very elect.

Now there are in existence two great and partake of His glory, holding power they could find a chance; and the individminister according to His command. The principal men of Egypt, the most popular other power is an enemy to God; it is the men they had in their midst,-the priests, power of that being who reballed against magicians, and astrologers were the ones Him in heaven, and sought to take possession of the throne of the Almighty. According to the history that is given of this frustrate or destroy the influence of the event, a general council was held in heaven miracles, signs and wonders that were about the time of the creation of this earth. made manifest by Moses among the peoin that council there was a persol called an angel, who stood in authority in when Moses came before Pharaoh he cast the presence of God; and when the ques- down his staff and it was turned into a sertion was asked, "Who shall go forth and pent, or into something having the appearsence of God, answered and said, "Here am I, send me; I will go forth and redeem all mankind, that not one soul shall be lost?' Bat the Only Begotten Son of the Father, who was with the Father from the lieginning, replied and said, "Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever." And here a rebellion rose up between Satab, the Son of the Morning, and the Son of the living God, as to the redemption of mankind. One sought to destroy the plan of God and the agency that the Lord intended to give to intelligent beings, and to redeem them whether they would be redeemed of not; and because he considered that his plan was so good before the Heavens, and so huch superior to the plan that God had devised, said he, "Surely I will do it; wherefore give me thine honor, which is the power of God." That is, he sought to obtain the throne of the Almighty, and to carry out his own purposes in preference to yielding to the purposes and power of the Almighty. This rebellion became so great, and the influence of it spread so rapidly among the heavenly host, that one-third part of that heavenly throng, I mean the spirits, rebelled against God and followed the evil design and purpose of this angel. No doubt some of them thought that they could accomplish their design; for they had not a knowledge of the future designs and purposes of God, only in a small degree, and consequently they supposed that their plan was better than that of the Almighty; and in this great rebellion the Lord dansed Satan, or Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, and those who followed him, to be cast out of heaven. We may form some little calculation of the vast numbers thus thrown out of when we consider that they were one-third of all the spirits that were born, intended for this creation. Only two-thirds kept their first estate, and they have the great privilege of coming here to this creation and taking bodies of flash and tabernacles wherein their spirits may dwell, to prepare themselves for a more glorious state of existence hereafter. If, then, only two-thirds of the hosts of heaven are to come to our earth to, inbernacle in the flesh, we may form some idea of the vast number who fell, Already our earth has teemed for six thousand years with numberless millions of human beings whose spirits existed before the foundation of the world. These who now exist proba-

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earth is the place of their habitation. They wander to and fro in the earth seeking Though these spirits had not the full

had not that superior knowledge that reigns in the bosom of the Son of God, and of many that stood in His presence, yet they had great information before their fall. By Elder ORSON PRATT, delivered They had stood in the presence of God, and had, no doubt, learned many things from His own mouth. How long they had been in His presence it is not for us to say, God has not revealed it.) But they had great experience. I am speaking of the knowledge and the cunning that these enemies of God possessed when they were cast down beyond what you have ever seen manifested by the children of men. They can, at times, apparently, be perfect gentlemen when they enter the tabernacles of the children of men. They can become, apparently, very pious, and, if you could not ernacles of many individuals, that they

The devil operates in every conceivable form, and this is what the apostle meant when he said "We do not merely wrestle every age of the world these wicked spirits against flesh and blood, but also against have manifested themselves, and especially principalities and powers." We have enemies far more powerful than men to earth and a dispensation has been commit- contend against. The devil has not the ted from Heaven to man; then all hell has power to take full possession of the taberseemed to be in an uproar, and the power of macles 'of human creatures, unless they fallen angels made manifest. give way to him and his influence to that Hence, it is written, somewhere in the New degree that he gets power over them. But Testament, that "we wrestle not against | we have not time now to trace the history ual wickedness in high places." We not but will briefly state, that they did show

Moses was called of God and ordained to the holy priesthood after the order of Melmeet with manifestations of power from chisedee, by the hands of his father-in-law, beneath-powers not ordained of God, and Jethro, and sent forth with power and auwhich are calculated, if possible, to dedeive | thority into Egypt to seek after the welfare of the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in | thing tangible, the Urim and Thummim, a bondage there. Just as soon as the Almighty glorious instrument, used by ancient seers, powers: one is of God, including all the began to manifest Himself through the heavenly host-the angels and celestial power of the legal priesthood, so soon these beings who dwell in the presence of God opposite powers began to work whenaver mighty God, he translated that record into and authority from Him to go forth and uals through whom they worked were the through whom Satan manifested this oppesite power. His design, no doubt, was to ple of God for their red redeem mankind" Lucifer, the Son of the ance of a serpent, and was full of life and Morning, this angel who stood in the pre- animation. That was a great miracle that the Lord saw proper, on that occasion, to angel to them, a man who once dwelt or manifest before this wicked king, that he might have what he had desired, for he had asked for a sign, and the Lord granted it. the fore-runner of Christ, who was behead-But immediately others were called by the king;-the magicians, soothsayers and those whom Satan had gained power and influence over, and they were commanded to show what they could do. They cast down their rods and they likewise became serpents. Now, here was a manifestation of similar power,-Moses' rod became a serpent and he rods of the magicians also became serpents; but by and by Moses' rod swallowed up the rods of the magicians. What did that prove? In the estimation of wicked men like the king of Egypt and his subects, it was nothing more than the extending of this power had in possession by the magicians. They did not look upon it as a rection; that is, they came forth in the first distinct and separate power, because they had not the spirit to discern, the spirit of the Lord was not with them, and they could of the Saints were opened and many of not discern the difference. But there were manifested on that occasion two distinct. and separate powers, so similar in their effects, that none but those who lived near unto God and understood the workings of the holy spirit, could detect the difference between them. A succession of wonderful manifestations of the power of God was made through Moses, and in all, save two or three instances, the magicians did likewise. What would naturally be the conclusion at which wicked men would arrive under such circumstances? They would naturally say, "here is Moses, who has been brought up in all the learning of the Egyptians and he is more advanced than our magicians; he taken from the earth while the earth should has learned lessons that they have not yet stand. acquired," consequently men of that stamp would decide that it was all by the same spirit, and they would not acknowledge the finger of God in it. That may be a sample to all people in future generations in the manifestations of and comprehend the difference between these two powers. If we believe that there is a God and a heavenly host standing in His presence, ready to do his behests, we must believe in the manifestations of divine power; and if we believe that there are fallen spirits who have been cast down to this earth, we must also believe that they will' manifest their power just as far as they are suffered or permitted. But we do not wish to dwall too long upon the history of past ages, we want to come down more immediately to our own time. I now appeal to the aged and to the mid-die-aged in this astembly, and I will ask them this one question "What was the con-dition of the world forty years ago in regard to miraculous manifestations power, and to new revelation?" am now speaking of the Christian world at large. Did they believe that God would perform any miracles in our day? The old and the middle-aged know that the whole world had come to the conclusion that

here from that day to this, and that the personages clothed upon with this pillar of fire, whose countenance shone like the thing as a power siezing upon the hands of sun at noonday; that he heard one of these a man and using them independent of his whom they may devour! Only think of a hundred devils to every being that now exists on the earth.

announcement to make in the midst of a generation so completely given up to the knowledge of the Almighty; though they traditions of their fathers; and when this was proclaimed by this young, unlettered boy to the priests and the religious socie-ties in the State of New York, they laughed him to seern. "What!" said they, "visions and revelations in our day! God speaking to men in our day!" They looked upon him as deluded; they pointed the finger of scorn at him and warned their congregations against him. "The canon of scripture is closed up; no more communications are to be expected from heaven. The ancients saw heavenly visions and personages; they heard the voice of the Lord; they were inspired by the Holy Ghost to receive reveations, but behold no such thing is to be and with the Holy Ghost, and when they given to man in our day, neither has there were filled with the Holy Ghost they were been for many generations past." This was the style of the remarks made by religionists forty years ago.

This young man , some four years afterwards, was visited again by an holy angel. It was not merely something speaking in the dark; it was not something wrapped up in mystery, with no glory attending it, but a glorious angel whose countenance shone devils in the name of Jesus Christ, to build in every age of our world mankind have discern spirits, you would think, from the like a vivid flash of lightning, and who was up the Kingdom of God and establish rightarrayed in a white robe, and stood before him. This young man saw the countenance of the angel; he saw his person and his glory and rejoiced therein. This angel revealed to him some great realities; not mysterious or dark sayings, covered up without any particular information, light or knowledge, but certain realities were made manifest to him concerning the ancient inhabitants of this land. This angel told him that they were a branch of the House of Israel; that they kept sacred and hely records; that those records were kept by prophets and inspired men; that they were deposited, some fourteen centuries ago, after the nation had fallen into wickedness, by one of their last prophets, and that the time was at hand for this record to be brought forth by the gift and power of God. Here, then, was a reality;-something great and glorious, and after having received from time to time, visits from these glorious personages, and talking with them, as one man would talk with another, face to face, beholding their glory, he was per mitted to go and take these plates from the place of their deposit, -plates of gold, -records, some of which were made nearly

six hundred years before Christ, And then,'to show still further a reality, somewas also obtained with the record, through which, by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost and by the commandment of Alour language, and the book was published in the fore part of the year 1830.

During the translation, before the book was published, when the prophet came towards the latter part of the record, he discovered that the ancient inhabitants of this continent were baptized in a certain way, by those having authority from Almighty fod. He felt anxious to know how he, in connection with his scribe, Oliver Cowdery, might participate in the blessings of this holy ordinance. They very well knew, from what God had revealed to them, and from what they had understood by translating the main portion of the record, that there was no man in all Christendom that had suthority to baptize them. They were anxious to know how they might be baptized. and how the authority might be restored They went out into a grove, and joined in secret prayer, and the Lord sent an holy the earth, and held the priesthood of hi fathers, according to the promise of God to the lineage of Aaron. John the Baptist, ed by Herod-John who preached repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, came to Joseph and to Oliver Cowdery, as a ministering angel. Perhaps you may inquire here: Was John without a tabernacle? Was he a spirit or was he a personage of tabernacle, of flesh and bones? We all know that he was be headed before the crucifixion of Christ; and if you wish to know the condition of John when he came to 'Joseph and Oliver, read the appendix to the Book of Doctrine and Covenants; and you will find that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and many others, who are named there, among whom was John the Baptist, were with Christ in His resurresurrection, at the time that Jesus received His body. About that period the graves them came forth. John was amongst them; and he held, legally, the power, keys and priesthood, bestowed upon the lineage of his father, Aaron. What did John do, when he appeared to Brothers Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery? He did not go forth into the water to baptize them, as he did anciently in the Jordan; but he gave the authority to them to baptize-he laid his hands upon their heads and ordained them. Thus the hands of an immortal being-a man sent from Heaven -were laid upon their heads! They were alone! ordained to that same priesthood that John They were commanded to be baptized and having received the authority to administer the ordinance, they went forth and baptized each other, on the 15th of May, 1829, nearly one year before the rise future generations in the manifestations of of this Church, which took place on the 6th these powers. The wicked cannot discern of April, 1830. Prior to the last mentioned date the Lord bestowed authority upon His servants to officiate in still higher ordinances than those pertaining to the Aaronic priesthood. That priesthood could administer baptism for the remission of sins, but it had no power or authority to administer the spirit. But there was a priesthood that had that power and authority. John speaks of another priesthood greater than that which he held. Said he: "there is one coming after me mightier than I. He holds a priesthood greater than that which has been bestowed upon me, namely, the priesthood of Melchisedee. He shall baptize you with fire and the Holy Ghost. I can only administer in the outward ordinance; I have not the right to administer to you this higher ordinance.' It was so with Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery: they could only baptize with water until they received a priesthood greater than that which John the Baptist held. And when the Lord was about to organize His Church He prepared them by sending men who had once been here on the earth-namely, Peter, James and John, to bestow upon them this higher priesthood How did these celestial personages come? Did they come manifesting themselves by a mere voice, or behind some screen as it

power of satan in those days! No such everything good, from every principle of righteousness, had become great mediums. control to write out what were termed revelations, in those days! But why didn't of them would work with a table; some concubines and wives that he had; but the would have manifestations in one way and some in another.

While Brother Snow and I were in New suffer him: the devil is under the control of York, a very learned judge, a man very the : Almighty in some respects. He has fallen, and the Lord will not suffer him to noted for his great attainments, and who go any further than He permits; and when the people have not the gospel and priest-hood in their midst, and light and knowlan interview. We promised to meet him edge from the heavens He will not suffer the devil to show forth his power to deceive until nearly twelve at night and talked for Solomon's visit. and lead them astray; therefore He deter- with that man. He had written a great many works in relation to spiritualism, mined that the preliminary manifestations should come from the celestial world, and that the priesthood with its power and au-thority, about be given from on high, be-We were very glad its truth. to fore He would suffer the devil to come in to have an opportunity of hearing,

and manifest his strong delusions! Suffice it to say, the Church was organized, individuals were baptized by water not expect to gain any particular light, any not strong enough in the faith to see it oftentimes, in those early stages of the Church, covered with a pillar of fire. They were immersed in and clothed upon with fire, and the Holy Ghost entered their the mediums speaking in Greek and in not believe that Peter, James, John, Solohearts and they were filled with the spirit of Latin; about persons who had never learnprophecy, and with the gift of tongues, and in process of time with the gift of visions, possession of, and their writing a great and had power to heal the sick, and cast out eousness upon the face of the earth, so far as they could gain influence over the hearts not only seen and heard these manifestaof the children of men. But wherever tion , but they had actually seen the personthese servants of the Most High went pertheir faces, arms and hands. secution followed them. There was a howl

from the pulpit from Maine to Texas and any priesthood? Oh, no. "Do they generfrom one extremity of the Union to the ally believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior other, crying out against new revelation. of the world?" "Oh no, he was a very All the papers and periodicals of the day, far and near, published articles against the idea of receiving new revelation; there seemed to be a perfect flood coming from all quarters of the land testifying to the supposed absurdity of receiving new communication from the Almighty. By and by persecution became so great that scores and things that Jesus and His apostles revealed tion, and which you would preach and scores of the Saints were put to death in Mis- are thrown in the shade. They belonged destroy many others, he would not mind uproot and destroy the fulless of the gospel What was the matter in those days, and why were they so embittered against this

thing as baptism, or organization. people? "You have" said they "brought us When we heard these things we saw, something so strange! You pretend to truly, that as the devil did manifest his whole church." visions! You pretend to new revelations! power in ancient times among the Egyp-You pretend that God has spoken! You tians, because they had persecuted the peopretend that angels have come! You preple of God, put to death their young intend that God has revealed another record, fants, and shed innocent blood, even so, another Bible! You pretend that you have directly in the midst of our nation, his received the priesthood and the apostleevil power was again manifested in strong ship, and for these things you are not wordelusion. Having persecuted the saints of thy to dwell in our midst! You must be God, and having shed the blood of His they represented themselves to be, what persecuted from city to city, you must be driven from your houses and lands; your prophets and saints and driven them from place to place, and banished property must be confiscated and desthem beyond the Rocky Mountains, thinktroyed, and there is no power in this country of ours that can protect you in those ing that they had certainly got rid of them, and that they would perish there. Having views which you have so strangely advanced in the midst of this Christian become so exceedingly wicked, we saw Was there any polygainy in those days delusion and destruction. among the Latter-day Saints? No; God

Now flet, us again speak of the apostates had not revealed and established this practice among them in those days; they were not persecuted for any such thing, it was in Spiritualism, where they have neither ently, because they believe in these simple, order, church, nor priesthcod. These apostates, generally, had fallen into the idea that Jesus, and the apostles and prophets of ancient times, were living in barbarous ages, far behind the civilization of our day, but that they were called upon to open up a wonderful dispensation, and to reveal light far superior to that which had ever been revealed by any prophet who ever lived on no good angel or spirit ever revealed them the earth. This seems to have been the to you." Mr. Godbe wanted to know in general idea of those apostates called mediums. I do not know but I am taking up too much time, but I must now come a little nearer home. You have no doubt heard and reflected upon what is termed a very great and wonderful "movement,"-something that is going to build up Zion in purity, taking place in our midst. The "movement" was commenced by a few individuals who had been cut off by the highest authority of the Church and Kingdom of God, and expelled because of teaching and publishing things contrary to the order of this Church. Now what do you suppose is the real foundation on which these few individuals are working? I will tell you, and what I tell you, I will tell you as a person that has heard from their own mouths; I would much from a second-hand source. I have seen Messrs. W. S. Godbe and E. L. T. Harrison ence since they were cut off from the Church. I went to see Mr. Godbe, but he seat in the presence of Mr. E. L. T. Harri son, and heard him, for an hour or two, re late his spiritual manifestations. Mr. Godbe, hearing that I had been to see him, sent me a letter requesting me to meet again with them. I met with him in a private room, separate from any of the rest, and I had a long conversation with him. My object in meeting with these gentlemen was them their foolishness and the foolishness of their conduct and the course they were taking, what it would lead to and how much come if they did not repent. I did not know. before going to see them, that they were so fully wrapt up in spiritualism, or what I term spiritualism, for it is a species of this been speaking. They both, separately, one on one evening, the other on another, related to me their supernatural manifestations, commencing some fifteen months before. They told me they had had inter-views, by hearing a voice without seeing. any person, with Heber C. Kimball, who taught them a great many things which according to my ideas, conflicted with the instructions contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, such as sending men on missions, etc. The tenour of the instruc tions, he received on this subject was that no person, when called on a mission, need go unless he got the light of the spirit thereon in his own heart, to tell him whether it | Pardon me for speaking so plain. I did was right that he should go; in other words they need not go because of being appointed by the voice of the priesthood or the general Conference of the Latter-day Saints. Now, who dees not know, excep those who are infatuated and overcome by false spirits, that that is directly in opposition to the Book of Doctrine and Covenants? The Lord says there, "Whomsoever you shall lay your hands upon and ordain and send forth, I will be with them and bless in their hearts." It is not, therefore, for every man, when he is commanded by the voice of the priesthood, to think that he is to be his own judge whether he is to

-apostates who had turned away from mon but the scriptures also, for in the latter we are told that he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. Some of them were writing mediums; some The Book of Mormon does not number the record, contained there, seemed to touch

the feelings of the old gentleman, and he desired to get out of it and to explain the matter. He said the things contained in the Book of Mormon and scriphad been a judge in the City of New York, I think his name was Edmunds, gave us were spoken, and that he felt himself justified in contradicting that saying of early in the evening. I think we stayed Jacob in the Book of Mormon. So much

They also said that James in connection with Peter and John gave them many inand had lectured at New York and other structions, which Mr. Godbe read to me: places to very large assemblies in regard he also read to me, many instructions purporting to have come from Heber C. Kim ball and Joseph Smith, and from his own mouth, something about told me there was a great deal more that these supernatural manifestations. We did they did not let me see. Probably I was further than this,-while traveling on a These statements were made to me in the mission abroad we wished to know how to most perfect plainness. I told them, "I do detect the devil on his own ground, in re- not believe in the truthfulness of. your lation to those things we had continually manifestations. I believe you have had to meet with. Mr. Edmunds told us about manifestations, just as you say, but I do mon, Joseph Smith, Heber Kimball or ed to write and had never written a word Jesus has been to you. I do not believe in their lives whose arms had been taken one of them has been to you, it is the devil just the same as he has manifested himself variety of writing; also about bells being in the world." "Oh," said they, "here is carried around the room and rung. He the difference between us and them: we also informed us that many persons had believe in the priesthood; we believe in plurality of wives; we believe in the order of the church" and so on. Said I, "don't ages, by whom they were made, especially you know that the devil would be very foolish, if he wished to lead astray men We inquired of him, if they believed in who had been in this church, who had been taught for years to believe the principle you believe in, if he should undertake to lead them astray by telling them there was good man, no doubt, and wrote a good no truth in all these things? The devil many good precepts; he was not much can adapt himself to the belief of any perbetter than other good men, only he hap- son. If you believed in plurality he would pened to have some precepts beyond the make you think it was all right. If he sge in which he lived. But this age is far could get you to swallow down one or two superior to that, and consequently all those great lies that would effect your destrucsouri; and this was followed up until the to a semi-barbarous age, but we have a how many truths you might believe. Ho Prophet and Patriarch of the Church were system and dispensation far superior to would be willing that you should believe a martyred and the peop'e driven from their that." This was the tenor of this gentle- great 'many things absolutely true if he homes, their property destroyed, and every man's conversation in regard to these could only deceive you and lead you astray means in the power of the enemy used to things. He also told about different spheres and get you to reject some of the fundaof glory, and different orders of angels, the mental principles of your salvation, and latter, we were told, being personages from the salvation of the people." "But o." different spheres. They required no priest- said they, "how happy we feel! We do. hood, no authority, no ordinances, no such not feel any animosity to any one; no anger in our bosoms. We love the President and his council: we love the Twelve and the

"Now," said I, "supposing, for argu ment's sake, that you really believe these manifestations were from God, but that the personages calling themselves Peter, James John, Joseph, Jesus, Heber C. Kimbal were not those personages at all, so long as your faith was fixed that they were what would be your feelings about it? You would die for it, just the same as the pagans will do for their idol worship; just the some as thousands have done among the ilse seels of Christendom in ages past. They were sincers, they had joy in their that the devil was showing forth his power works, but by and by, as the Book of Moron the right hand and on the left, for their | mon says, the end comes and they are hewn down and cast into the fire.' "

So these men have joy in their works: Apostates seem to be the greatest mediums they are as happy as happy can be, apparfoolish, vain, false spirits that have taken advantage If them to lead them astray. "The true reason that I do not be-Said I, lieve in any of your manifestations is, that your 'mani esto,' that you have published and sent forth among the people contains things so absolutely in opposition to the Book of Doctrine and Covenants that Iknow what respects. I pointed out a number of things, where they come out in opposition to that book. In order to get around this he told me that the spirits had manifested that it, (the Book of Doctrine and Covenants) was not to be relied upon in the fullest sense of the word, in our present state of light and knowledge; that those revelations and commandments were given in our weakness; but that God had greater light to give to us now, hence we must not take them exactly as they are. I referred to the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, in opposition to their "manifesto" to show how the Lord and His priesthood wore to govern and control in temporal as well as in spiritual things; "but said I,"your spirits teach that they must only teach the spiritual things, and have rather have it from their own months than no business to assume control in temporal concerns, but let every man follow the bent of his own mind." "This," said 1. "proves to me that your spirits never came from God." I was very gentle with them; was not at home. I was invited to take a did not express myself harshly, but in a plain and pointed manner, I have taken up this subject, of false and true spiritual manifestations and laid it before this congregation on the spur of the moment. I inquired of Brother Brigham, as I came on to the stand, on what subject I should speak, and he said, "every spirit that confesses that Jesus is the Christ, is of God, and every spirit that does not to see if it were possible to point out to confess this is not of God." The nature of these spirits, in their manifestations, is to lessen the power and authority of the great Redeemer, as our God and the Lord of this misery it would make them in time to creation. You go among the Spiritualists abroad and you can scarcely find one individual that will acknowledge the power, glory and greatness of our Redeemer. So it is with those who manifest themselves same kind of spiritualism of which I have here. They dare not come out all at once: but, as I told them, "you are so infatuated, so led astray by these false manifestations and you believe them so firmly, I see no possible hope for your recovery, until perhaps at some future time the revelations that you will get may be so absurd as to stagger your own faith; then you may go into infidelity. I expect this. I find that this is the case with these manifestations abroad. mediums will work at them for a season, but they find so many absurdities and contradictions, that they finally relinquish them. tud turn to infidelity, and say, "there is truth in anything.' not pledge myself when Messrs. Harrison and Godbe spoke to me about their manifestations that I would hold my peace. old them I had spoken very pointedly against their principles, and L intended to do so in the fature, believing, with all my heart, and knowing that they were not from Heaven. Did they see any of these personages Both of them say they saw none of them; it was merely a voice that they heard. while they say they saw a little light, but no personage. How very different were the manifestations I have laid before you, when Jesus

not named; but .we were persecuted beause we believed in the same principles that the ancient apostles and Christians believed in. But by and by, after having shed the blood of the prophets, and the Saints had been driven from their lands and from one city to another, and their property destroyed, when the wicked had ripened themselves in iniquity, and pre-pared themselves in a great degree for the overwhelming judgments of the Almighty. and when they found that this people were not to be put down by persecution, and that we would continue publishing these new tidings, far and wide, the devil took another turn. What was it? Said he, "I see they cannot be put down with persecution, they go forth and the people will believe them more or less; we cannot destroy them, and if we destroy their property and drive them from place to place it makes no difference, so I will show them that the world can have revelation enough," and he commenced. But instead of calling uponmen and beginning something great and good, in aGodiike manner, he called upon certain females, residing not far from where the plates of the Book of Mormou were found. where the people had been warned perhaps longer than in any other, portion of the United States. These ladies, Misses Fox by name, began bringing forth supernatural manifestations. Others did the same in a short time and they have continued until the present day and have spread over the whole United States and many other parts of the world. If you go forth and make inquiries in regard to these manifestations you will find that there are several millions of people in this country that believe in them. What a change between now and forty years ago! Then you could scarcely tind one in the whole Christian world that would admit the probability of new revelation or supernatural manifestations; now there are millions in the United States

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Do these manifestations affect, for good, those who believe in them? Do they cause them to repent of their sins? No; they who blaspheme the name of God almost with every breath, and that will cheat and take every advantage possible of their brethren, they who will lie and steal and do every species of wickedness and abominations are the very ones that the devil works through; still the whole Christian world, apparently, are now willing to admit new revelation. Oh, yes! They have forgotten how they persecuted the Latter-day Saints because they believed in new revelation, and they can now believe in revelation by wholesale! They will not believe in records given through the medium of the prophets; but they are ready enough to believe if a wicked man who will blaspheme the name of Jesus is the medium and is made a participant in this great power. Such characters do not need any organization from God, they do not need any baptism, ordinances or priesthood.

The devil has invented various names for his manifestations in order to get the people to swallow them down; the same as the doctors. When they wish to administer some nauseous kind of medicine, they s veeten it up a little. So the devil has sweetened up these things in such a way that he has got almost all these manifestations under the name of science. If you want to see a species of devilism made them; I will go before their faces and will They pretended to have seen a light when manifest, it comes out under a scientific be on their rearward, and my spirit shall be Jesus came; after He had talked a little of the world. Those who now exist probe-bly number one thousand or twelve hun-dred millions. Twelve hundred millions of spirits now dwelling in mortal flesh! Think of the immense numbers who must have preceded us and the myriads who are to come! These are the two-thirds, who kept their first estate. Their numbers, probably, cannot be less than two fundred phraseology, under the spacious name of Electro-biology, Animal-magnetism, or some such popular name - names that have been given to real seiences, which forth on that calling or not and still remain ministered to Joseph Smith, and when the in fellowship. That is not the way of Heahave their laws, founded in nature, are now given to these supernatural manifestations. Why does Satan use these artifices? Beven, for the Lord says in the same book their voices but saw their persons and their cause the people at the present day have become naturally scientific, or a great many of them have; and the devil thinks if he can only invent a real, nice, beautiful were? No, they came personally, in their glory. They not only manifested their per-sons and their glory, but they also spoke and all their first estate. Their numbers, inspired to but an two function was negret, but it was allow all their first, but they also spok, and their first, but they also spok.
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