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We have now been together in a Conference capacity for four days. It seems a very short time; we would like to stay a little longer, if it were prudent. This is the place to give general instruction to the father; they know not where it comes from Latter-day Saints. It is good when the Saints meet together to look at each other, to hear the brethron bear testimony of the truth and to feel the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. This makes onr hearts joyful and glad. It will be prudent for us now to I have spent a few minutes in speaking, we shall adjourn until the sixth of next October at, 10 o'clock in the morning at this place.

There are many things which we would like to talk about; I would like to do a nity and were able to do so. There are care of us. In my meditations I say about that. many little items pertaining to what are "Shall I complain of father? No. I will Infidelity many little items pertaining to what sre called temporal matters, which it would be he could for me, though he knew it not. If well for the people to understand in order he had made my house, opened my farm, to promote their happiness here on the planted my orchard, seen to my planting earth and to aid them in securing eternal salvation. It is not those who are hearers of the word only who are blessed and who secure to themselves the blessings of eternal life; they who secure eternal life are doers of the word as well as hearers. If books until doomsday, and unless I apply deal of wisdom; and to bring the people/up to this standard much labor and instruction from the elders is necessary.

If we can remember what we have heard that we may. Let us apply our hearts to the wisdom that has been exhibited before the Conference, and observe the little duties of every-day life, that we may be prepared to receive more. It is not possible We are thankful for the privilege of talking a little. We ought all to be very thankful that we have the privilege of the of God, for by applying them to the duties of life we can increase in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. We are thankful midst of the people. You very well know that it is said: by many of those who wish to traduce the we are, there is a great chance for improve-We will acknowledge that we are ment. very ignorant, and that the Lord has taken the weak things of the world to confound together, because they seek after Him; while the hearts of the rich and the proud, the high and the noble, are lifted up, and they cannot hearken to the principles of the gospel and receive them and obey them. They feel themselves too good; they know too much; while the poor and needy, those who suffer from hunger and nakedness, and from hard labor and task masters, are the ones who naturally seek after the Lord. The Lord is just as willing to bless, and to pour out His Spirit upon the king on the throne, as upon the beggar in the street; but the king has sufficient-he does not feel after the Lord; but the beggar, cries unto the Lord for his daily bread. Hence the Lord gathers the poor. When we are gathered together, if we will improve ourselves, by and by we will be filled with wisdom. When we look at the Latter-day Saints and remember that they have been taken from the coal pits, from the ironworks, from the streets, from the kitchens and from the barns and factories and from hard service in the countries where they formerly lived, we cannot wonder at their ignorance. But when they are brought together they soon become scholars. Many of them become farmers and merchants, and they soon learn to procure a sustenance for themselves and families, and gather around them the necessaries and comforts of life. They also learn the object of their being, of the creation of the earth, and how to brganize the elements so as to subserve their own wants and necessities. This is a blessing, and we are proud to see the intheir improvements and faithfulness. If we are ignorant, let us become wise; if we are poor, let us gather around us the comsay we are ignorant; we acknowledge it, but we are not as ignorant as they are, although they have had opportunities of

degraded, and make ourselves wise and we disbelieve in the existence of the Etern- practice polygamy. Well, what is the reone, and perhaps feeds and clothes eleven, but the twelfth, whom he hates and despises, he turns out of doors to provide for himself. This one son goes forth weeping, and savs: "I am forsaken of my father and his house; now I have to look after myself. have the earth before me; I have to live; do not want to kill myself, and as I have life before me I certainly must make my

own future. I will go to work and accudoes. How is it with the rest of the famly? They are fed and clothed by their or how it is obtained, and they scarcely know their right hand from their left with regard to the things of the world.

This illustrates the history of this people. ing every art-to cultivate the soil and how thas thrown us on our own resources, and trols the destinies of the earth? No; not not complain at all, he has done the best then had brought my food to my chamber and appointed a servant to feed me, what should I have known about getting my living? How could I have known anything about raising fruit or anything else? I could not have known. I might read and acknowledge that it has been a blestake care of ourselves.

rounded by circumstances that will bring we have fellowship one for another. Let

degraded, and make ourselves wise and we disbelieve in the existence of the Litera-happy, it is a credit to us. There are causes for this which some may not have thought about. I often think of them. You take, for instance, a father, who has, say, four, ten or twelve sons. He may have abundance to dispose of to each and everyone; but he disfikes some particular one and perhaps feeds and clothes eleven at one sweep, the hopes of salvation enterfained by the Christian world are destroyed; the foundation of their faith is taken away, and there is nothing left for them to stand and against which both gentlemen and upon. When this is gone all the revelations ladies lecture? It is against taking life. Gou ever gave to the Jewish nation, to the They say "Cease the destruction of pre-nagentiles and to us are rendered valueless, tal life!" Our doctrine and practice make and all hope is taken from us at one sweep. and preserve life; theirs destroy it. Which is not the Christ? What proof have you of tion, which is the best in a moral point of mulate a little of something so that I can the negative of the existence of God the purchase me a piece of land. When it is Father, or of Jesus as the Mediator, or of which God designs to bring upon the earth? purchased I will put improvements upon it. I will build me a house; I will fence gifts and graces that God has bestowed This house is very large, but as a general those of ordinary manufacture. Hence Doomy farm; I will set off my orchard and plant out my garden; and I will gather around me my horses, my cattle, my wagons and carriages, and I will get me a family." Pretty soon here is a boy who family." Pretty soon here is a boy who knows how to live as well as his father body; that He has eyes, and ears to hear; and then, if they cannot prevent their chilthat He has arms, hands and feet; that He dren crying, they can step out. I do be-can walk and does walk. He has declared lieve they can stop their whispering. great 1 Am, the Lord Almighty, and many Stand that pleases or displeases you, you away the atonement of the Son of God and there are a few thousnad whispering, We have been under the necessity of learn- the scriptures fall useless to the ground. How is it, Infidel, have you any proof to provide for our own wants under the that Jesus did not die for the sins of the most adverse circumstances. We have world? No; not the least, any more than that composes the mountains and the whole bring our Conference to a close, and, after been compelled to do this or go without, you have proof that there was no need to go for none would do it for us. We have been to the mountains to cut the timber used in we meet here to worship God. Rememforced to study mechanism, all kinds of building this house, or to quarry the rock ber and try to keep perfectly quiet, and do machinery, how to build, and how to pro- of which the pillars of this house are com- not whisper, talk or scrape your feet; and vide and take care of ourselves in every posed, How is it, Mr. Infidel, have you respect. I thank the parent and the boys any proof of the non-existence of Him who for turning us out of doors. Why? Because rules and reigns in heaven, and who con-

Infidelity extends to other subjects beat this Conference, and carry it out in our before you Mormons; but if you do not me, teaching the people how to be saved, gives you, and not suffer your cattle and lives, it will profit us. I hope and trust die of starvation the Indians will kill you." how to live, and to live with each other; sheep to die on the prairies, but preserve die of starvation the Indians will kill you." how to live, and to live with each other; we knew that they would do no such thing; we knew that we could live when we got here, and we also knew that we could live when we got here, and we also knew that we not control themselves. It was so with Joseph Smith, in his day. So it is to-day; life, by raising sheep, building factories, how else could it be done? Who can gather the people from the nations in their poverty and silk and the people from the nations in their poverty and the people form the nations in the people form farming utensils on wagons, carts and intelligence, teach them how to live, what will only raise the silk and adorn yourfor a person to learn all the will of God in handcarts without an ounce of iron on some the earth is and what it is for, make them selves with your own hands. That is the an hour, a day, or a week; it requires much of them. It was said that we could raise understand that God is our father, Jesus requirement of Heaven. It was so almost time and attention to do this. The Lord nothing when we got here, but I said "We highest intelligence that there is in exist. It's Saints then, was "Let the beauty of gives a little here and a little there, a pre- led us out here, and we will wait and see ence, and that we are the natural offspring your apparel be the beauty of the work of cept now and a precept again, and by close what He will do for us." You can see of God the Father? God only can do this, observance of these things in our lives we what He has done, and thank His name Yet the infidel will say there is no God, grow in grace and in a knowledge of the and be humble. Shall we speak evil of that we are creatures of to-day, that we had please. Make your hats and bounets, and truth. their treatment towards us has made us is over there is nothing after. And follow- It is your duty to do it. Preserve that that better and greater than we could have been ing down the chain of his reasoning, he otherwise. It has brought us closer to- will say there was a time when there was gether than we could possibly have come no earth, no stars, no worlds, no anything. without a great deal more revelation than Well, I know there never was such a time. gospel and of the ordinances of the house we have had. Our enemies have pushed That is faith against faith, declaration us together; and it is excellent to be sur- against declaration. What a pitiful condition it would be for all space to contain nous close together. We learn then whether thing! To suppose that element, worlds, men, the grass of the fields, or the trees of to see the increase that there is in the us thank God, and speak evil of none; and the forest were created, is all folly! They instead of finding fault with father, let us are from eternity. It is equally vain to thank him for turning us out of doors, for imagine space empty! There is no space without a kingdom, neither is there any sons in life that we could not have learned kingdom without space, and they are from emigrants, who had gold so big in their character of the Latter-day Saints that we without. We can read just as much as the everlasting to everlasting. "How do you are a poor, miserable, ignorant peoplet If inhabitants of the earth, and after reading know it?" a-ks the unbeliever. By the revelations of God, by the revelations of the thing to eat or not. By our instrumentali Lord Jesus Christ. "How do you know ty they were fed and sent on their way re how to teach the people to control themselves and make them of one heart and one mind?" By the revelations of the Lord. Well, then, I guess we will sing and pray the wisdom of the wise. He has picked are very well aware that a statement made and serve our God and keep His com-up the poor of the earth and brought them in reference to this matter in this Confer- mandments; and I rather think that Zion will prosper. That is my opinion. While the chapter from the prophecies of Daniel was being read, showing the plans and schemes of those who sought to entrap Daniel, and their miserable end, I was story of the boy who went to the mill? He thinking how wise (!) men were in those was looking at the miller's hogs, which days. How wise were those great capwere very fat, clean and fine. The miller tains, counselors and presidents! Could came out, and, seeing the boy attentively they not foresee that they could not overobserving the pigs, said to him, "what are throw Daniel? No, they could see no furyou thinking about"? Said the boy: "I ther than to believe that if the King would sign the decree that no petition should be presented to any potentate, on, above, or around about, the earth, but to himself, for the space of thirty days, that they would entrap and destroy Daniel. What was the result? Just as quick as they commenced their special legislation against Daniel the Lord commenced special legislation for him and against those who got him into the lion's den. The final result was that Daniel lodged with the lions over night and came out unscathed, not injured in the least; the lions lay there peaceable when endowed with reasoning powers. I hold the stone was rolled away, and those who this book in my hand, and I say that for its had caused him to be thrust there were condemned to take the place he left, and the lions devoured them. They could not foresee what Daniel could: he could have foretold their destiny, and that the legislation of the Lord Almighty would be a little above the special legislation of which they were the authors against him. Brethren and sisters, will you keep the word of Wisdom, say your prayers, observe a fool? If he is not he comes pretty near it. the Sabbath, speak evil of no man, and strive to be humble and faithful in all things? If you will, we shall be one by and by; we are not yet. We must overcome the love of the world. He that hath the not feel it in their hearts, they do not mean love of the world hath not the love of the Father. He that loves the things of the world loves not the kingdom of Heaven on the earth. Whosoever serves mammon cannot serve God. We must let these things go out of our affections, then lay hold of the principles of eternal life and sustain the kingdom of God on the earth, of the sort, Christian world! You think or else we shall go by the board. If we jump over, we shall certianly sink, and if we stay aboard Zion's ship, we can do no SANDWICH ISLAND MOLASSES more than sink, and it will be just as well if Zion's ship sink to be aboard as to jump overboard and sink. We had better stay aboard, she may go into harbor; and I can promise you in the name of Israel's God SANDWICH ISLAND SUGAR ! that she will go there safe and carry everyone of her passengers. Will we be humble and faithful? I trust we will. But foelish and absurd as is such an hope-I pray you, bretren and sisters, let us idea, it is not so ridiculous as that of the be humble, be faithful to our God, our relig-For Cash or Co-operative Orders. The Cheap-est, Finest and Best Sugar imported.

see prevailing in our own land? What is that of which, in the East, West, North and South, ministers in their pulpits complain, What proof have you, Infidels, that Jesus is the best, saying nothing about revela-Himself to be a man of war,-Jehovah, the When there is anything said from this other titles of a like import are used in re- turn to your neighbor and whisper, and ference to Him in the Scriptures. But take the next one does the same, and directly creating a noise like the rushing of many waters. Then you scrape your feet a little, and the many little noises are like the dust earth. Every person should be silent when do not let your children cry if you can help it. Twenty years ago I used to tell you that you might pinch your children to make them cry as loud as they could if you great deal of talking if I had the opportu-nity and were able to do so. There are many little items rotations I say I trust we shall long have the privilege sides the existence of God and the atone- of enjoying this shade which we have built: ment of the Savior. Some are infidel on it is a cover from the burning sun in sumone point and some on another. I want in mer; and when the storm of rain comes planted my orchard, seen to my planting say that so far as a God without a body, this umbrella will shelter us. I perceive and ploughing as well as the gathering; and parts and passions is concerned, I am a that, in the gallery, there is a little more complete infidel. The God whom I serve heat now than before; we shall open the has got eyes, ears, nose and mouth. He ventilators and put in some skylights, has hand's to handle; His footsteps are seen then I think it will be as cool as in the has hand's to handle; His footsteps are seen in the midst of His people, and His goings forth among the nations; and he whe has the spirit of the Almighty can see the pro-vidences of God, and behold His ways. I ask the infidel if he has any proof that I do doers of the word as well as hearers. If we hear the word and do not perform the labors indicated by it, it will profit as no-thing. To hear the word, as the Latter-day Saints do, and then to perform the la-courselves. Then speak evil of no man, studying the wisdom of any man that ever ters, if you will hearken to the counsel sing to us to be cast aside and compelled to lived on the face of the earth. "Where did which has been given you with regard to you obtain it?" says the infidel. From these fashions. Then to my brethren, I When we left our homes in the East and Heaven, from the fountain of light and in-started for the Rocky Mountains the feeling telligence. "Where is your wisdom?" the closer to sustain yourselves, by preservin regard to us was, "There is starvation again, says the intidel. Here, right before ing and wisely using that which the Lord

your own hands." If you will observe this, adorn yourselves as much as you the Lord has given you, and waste nothing. I can say to the Latter-day Saints that there is no man nor woman, person or persons but what I would rather feed, clothe and sustain than to see a particle wasted in the midst of my family, or this people. God does not like it, Hisspirit is grieved with it. Idleness and wastefulness are not according to the rules of Heaven. Preserve all you can, that you may have abundance to bless your friends and your enemies, as we did in '49, '50 and '61. In those years we fed thousands and thousands of poor, starving eyes that, when they started for the Plains. they did not know whether they had any joicing. If we take the counsel now given we shall have abundance to bless our enemies if it be necessary. Shall we say that we have any? Yes, there are those who would delight to be our enemies if they knew how; but they they do not know how. I do not suppose that there was a greater enemy to the Savior, when He was on the earth, than the devil. How he did plead with the Savior to worship him! Said he, "I will give you all you can see if you will fall down and worship me." But Jesus rebuked him. Yet the devil hunted and followed up Jews, and Gentiles, that is the Romans, until they betrayed the Redeemer into the hands of His enemies, who crucified Him, and in doing that they consummated the great act for the salvation of the human family, which will cheat the devil out of pretty much all of them, one way or the other. If he had had any good sense about him,-but he was as short of that as the infdels in our day—he would have said "I am with you, I will go with you, pay your taxes and will make you welcome to my house." But no, the devil and His followers did not know enough to do this, neither do our enemies, and thank God for



thank him for turning us out of doors, for we have learned a great many useful leswe can practice a thousand times more than many of them.

I wish now to say a few words in relation to a subject which is attracting the attention of thousands of people in the world. I refer to what is termed infidelity. We ence is true,-namely, that the inhabitants of the earth are drifting, as fast as time can roll, to infidelity. I do not profess to know a great deal; but somethings I do know. Shall I take the liberty of telling you the was thinking that millers have fat hogs." Were you thinking of anything else''? said the miller. "Yes." "What was it'? "I do not know whose grain they are fed on," said the boy. I take the liberty of telling this story for illustration. Some things I do know and some I do not know: if I do not know whose grain the pigs eat I do know that there are some fat hogs.

What shall I say with regard to infidelity? I do not know a great deal, but I say that a man has not good common sense who denies his, Maker; such a man is not

production from the crude element it required a type founder, paper maker, printer' and a book binder, and by their united exertions the book was made. But the infidel bases his argument on the principle that the book is here without a producer,-that no type founder, paper maker, printer, nor bookbinder was necessary. Is not a man who argues on this principle There are a great many who say that there is no embodiment of the Deity. Our Christian brethren almost deny the existence of a God; but it is in word only; they do any such thing. They are like the people of whom Paul speaks, who had temples reared to the unknown God. The Christians do not know anything about God, neither does the infidel. The Christian world "we believe in a God who has no body." You do not believe in any thing dustry of the Latter-day Saints, and also you believe it, but it is only tradition with you. Your fathers told you that God has no body; the priests told them; the schoolmasters have joined in the endorsement of the same ridiculous idea; it is also writforts of life. I look around among my ten in your church creeds, but, when you brethren and I see scholars. The world let common sense have place in your hearts, you do not believe in any such nonentity or nondescript as a God without body, parts or passions.

infidel. The Christian world, while virtu- ion and each other. education perhaps that many of our breth-

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Again I say, I feel to bless my brethren and sisters,-every quorum, every authority; our brethren and sisters who have sung for us, or played on the organ. I thank you doorkeepers, and you who have waited on the congregation, and I say God bless you, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bless the whole house of Israel. I pray for the redemption of the centre stake of Zion, and the upbuilding thereof. It is before us continually in our faith, and I hope that we shall live to see it.-Amen.

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