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I wish to read for our instruction a few verses which will be found in the 1st chapter of John's Revelations as follows:

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[illegible] Lord, I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and what thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia, unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girded about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as burnished in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

In connection with this I wish to read the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, section [illegible]:

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The above was given by Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery on April 3, 1836. How are we to understand everything here? That which I have read is what I call a revelation, a revelation of God to us, in our day. I suppose we actually believe that we believe in the revelations which I have read in connection with John. Indeed I know we do believe. I never heard the contrary. I never heard the voice of any man, I never heard the voice of any one but the pleasurable thrill of joy, and with the Holy Ghost I was filled with the spirit of revelation. I heard the voice of the Lord, I heard the voice of angels, I heard the voice of my brethren, I heard the voice of my sisters, I never heard the voice of any man who said he was a prophet of God, or a revelator, or a seer, or a man who was inspired by the spirit of God, that I ever heard speak against the revelations of God, or against the revelations which I have read in connection with John. Indeed I never heard the voice of any man who said he was a prophet of God, or a revelator, or a seer, or a man who was inspired by the spirit of God, that I ever heard speak against the revelations which I have read in connection with John.