

# FRUITS OF "MORMONISM."

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ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH AND  
PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

**ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH.**  
It is a pleasure to me this afternoon to be permitted to worship with you in this house, dedicated to our Father. Since meeting with you last it has been my privilege to visit many portions of the vineyard of the Lord and meet with those who have become identified with the Church; and while I feel that it is a special privilege to look into your faces today, to partake of the same sweet spirit that is present here, and to enjoy the music of the choir and the organ, still I have found the same joyful influence, the same kind regard, among the members of the Church wherever I have visited.

As our labors are drawing to a close for the year 1906, my mind has gone out to what has been accomplished among the children of men. There are only a few comparatively who have been revealed in the gospel as it has been revealed in the latter day, but there are millions of children of men who are desirous of knowing His will, and when the truth shall be brought to them, they will rejoice in accepting it. The few hundreds of thousands who today are members of the fold are but the tip of the iceberg of the great body who in the not distant future will find a home in this organization. I say my mind has gone out to what has been accomplished among the children of men. I find in every hand a gladness that is not to be compared to that of the earth. If we could see the truths of the gospel as they have been revealed, I find encouragement written upon their faces. I find in the various portions of the world where they are laboring the same hand of fellowship is being extended to them by many of those who do not comprehend the truth of those who have found it. These principles something worthy of emulation. As a number of prominent men have said to me in my journey this time, "I admire the determination with which you have embraced the gospel; they have embraced it, and I have replied to them, 'Perhaps the reason you don't see it in Mormonism is because you have not investigated it; and while you see the fruits of Mormonism in the lives of its devotees, and while you speak favorably of them, you have not seen the principles that have been revealed, and you do not realize that what they have accomplished has been done by reason of the gospel which they have received, and which I find in their faith and principles.' It has been my privilege to teach in a private way many of the truths of the gospel. I remember one gentleman in the audience who was very much astonished, he said, at the progress that we have made as a people along the line of education. I told him that it should not astonish him, for the very fundamental of the gospel of Christ. We believe that a man cannot be saved in ignorance. We believe that men are saved no faster than they gain knowledge of the truth. Consequently we seek after those things that will ennoble, lift up and benefit us here, not alone for the satisfaction that they give us, but in order that we may be better qualified for the triumph towards which we are all hastening, and to which we will all come sooner or later. Our belief is that the more we know of the wisdom, the avoiding of stimulants and narcotics, receives consideration at the hands of many of the great and good men and women of the world. We are doing as aid to develop and build up character and to obtain that brain power which our Father intended they should enjoy, instead of seeing the race go down to ruin, and the violation of laws of health and life.

**WORLD ACCEPTING MORMONISM.**  
With reference to other things that we believe in, we find that the world is gradually accepting Mormonism. They do not accept it as Mormonism, nevertheless they are accepting the principles of Mormonism. They comprehend that there is something in this work that is unlike anything else in the world. They look upon the young people going into the field, and they see the progress that is being made, and they are in many cases that higher education which is customary among other ministrations, and they are filled with an earnestness and a conviction that they hear of the message they bear. Little by little we are stamping upon the civilization of the age the truths that our Father has given unto us.

**TIME PROPITIOUS FOR THE GOSPEL.**  
I have had some little missionary experience in the world, but have never seen a time so propitious for the gospel as the present. I have never seen a time when men and women, the thinking men and women of the world, seemed to be reaching out to speak the truth that we are today. I feel that there is something lacking in the world, and that something is being sought for. I feel that the time is ripe for the gospel, and that the world is ready to receive it. I feel that the time is ripe for the gospel, and that the world is ready to receive it. I feel that the time is ripe for the gospel, and that the world is ready to receive it.

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Lord as it bears witness that they teach the truth, has brought to my eyes tears of joy on many occasions. I am proud of the men who are ministering in the Eastern and Southern states as missionaries. During our visit Brother Roberts and I have met over 400 of them, all of whom have stood on their feet and expressed their firm conviction that they were laboring in the cause of God. Not one but what has been willing to say, "I am in the hands of my Father, ready to stay in the mission field as long as I am needed by the Lord." So I feel that they are worthy of our confidence and support. They are going from door to door, teaching the glad tidings of great joy, and the angels are taking root in the hearts of honest people. The presidents of those missions are full of zeal and faith and are an honor to the Church.

**MAGNITUDE OF MORMONISM.**  
Day by day the magnitude of this work has increased among the children of men, and many are constrained to glorify the name of our Father in heaven because of Mormonism. We have met some who have supposed that we did not have charity and love for those not of our faith. When they have heard that the gospel teaches the salvation of the souls of all men, and that our mission is to bring to others the joy and happiness we ourselves have found within the fold, when they have discovered that we are willing to dedicate our lives to the proclamation of this truth without pay, they have looked and wondered, and have been constrained to say that this must be something more than the work of man. So today I rejoice and thank my Father for the work with which we are identified. I thank Him for the free institutions of our great country. I thank Him for the safeguards that have been placed around the nation with which we are connected. I feel imbued with the spirit of the Book of Mormon, wherein it teaches that this is the land of Zion, the favored land of the Father, where the truths of salvation may be taught without let or hindrance. We find in the Book of Mormon the word of the Lord that no king shall rule over this land, and that He will destroy him who shall raise up a king in this land. So we look forward to bright prospects in the promulgation of the truth. No national religion will rise up to stifle the true gospel; but liberty of press, liberty of speech, and freedom of conscience, are vouchsafed to all men by the Constitution of our great country, and that liberty that we enjoy is being disseminated among the children of men, to the glory of God and the blessing of His children.

I pray that we may so live as to be worthy exemplars of His cause. I pray that our lives may be such that we may show to the world that indeed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that each of us, when the final summons shall come and we are called home to the God who gave us life, may have such a position as will be the pride of our brothers and sisters of other faiths may be able to rise up and accuse us of neglect, unfaithfulness, or a lack of determination in bringing to them the gospel and bearing testimony to its truth. May the Lord and His blessings, and may His peace abide with you, my brethren and sisters. May the Lord and His peace abide with those who stand at the head of the church, and may His peace abide with those who are identified with the life of our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, continue to grow and develop, and may the Lord and His blessings be yours and yours alone. I pray that each of us, when the final summons shall come and we are called home to the God who gave us life, may have such a position as will be the pride of our brothers and sisters of other faiths may be able to rise up and accuse us of neglect, unfaithfulness, or a lack of determination in bringing to them the gospel and bearing testimony to its truth. May the Lord and His blessings, and may His peace abide with you, my brethren and sisters. May the Lord and His peace abide with those who stand at the head of the church, and may His peace abide with those who are identified with the life of our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, continue to grow and develop, and may the Lord and His blessings be yours and yours alone.

**PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.**  
I sincerely hope that the good Spirit of the Lord may direct what shall be said further this afternoon. I cannot say that I feel particularly in the spirit of talking, but so seldom have the opportunity of meeting with the Latter-day Saints and our friends who assemble in this hall that I felt this afternoon it would be proper for me to at least attempt to say a few words.

I have been delighted in listening to the remarks of Brother George Albert Smith, who, in company with Brother P. H. Roberts, has been making a tour of the Eastern and Southern States visiting the conferences, holding meetings with the saints, and exhorting them, as well as those who are among them as teachers, to renewed diligence and faithfulness in the great work of the Lord. Other missions have also been visited by different brethren. One of the apostles and one of the seven presidents of seventies have visited the Northern and Central States missions, and the California mission have been visited by others of our brethren. From all these sources we have heard good tidings, excellent reports. Those who have been in the field of labor bear good testimony to the faithfulness of the elders that are there, and the presiding officers, and to the good work that is being accomplished through their energy and ministry in the interests of the cause of truth.

Apparently there is everything to encourage, and but very little to discourage the Latter-day Saints with reference to the future prospects of Zion, both at home and abroad. We have reason to believe that if the world is not growing better in a moral sense, if peace on earth and good will to men is not becoming more noticeable among the nations, I think we may at least safely say that the world is moving.

and that the inhabitants of the earth are progressing.  
**CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.**  
If we will reflect back 70 years or more—within the lifetime of many who are assembled here today—we may recall many truths, ideas, and religious dogmas which were taught in those days, but which we hear very little of today; and I take this as an indication that the world is progressing, at least in some directions. For instance, at that time it was the almost universal belief among the so-called Christian people of the world that the canon of scripture was full, and that the heavens were sealed over the head of man, so that no more to be opened; that God had ceased to reveal himself to His children, and had only left to them the record—and a very imperfect one, at that—of the ministrations of the Son of God and His disciples in the meridian of time and a history of the dealings of God with His children in former days. That was the condition of the world when Joseph Smith, the boy seer, was called forth and began his mission in the world by declaring that this idea was false, that the heavens were opened, and that the canon of scripture was not full, that the time had not come when God had ceased to have regard for His children upon the earth, and that, therefore, if they were worthy and sought Him in faith, soon after the declaration by the Prophet Joseph Smith of this principle and its demonstration through the visitation of the Father and the Son unto him, and the subsequent visitation of angels unto him from time to time, for the purpose of conferring upon him the keys of the kingdom of God, the world was to be prepared for the laying of the foundations of the great latter day work—soon after this we began to hear of new revelations, spiritualism sprang up, and spread all over the earth, almost like a flood; and instead of people clinging to the old notions, that there was no more revelation or spiritual manifestation, they flocked to Spiritualism. Even professed ministers of the gospel became imbued with it and expressed their belief in it, confessing that there was a living principle connected with it.

When the Latter-day Saints were expelled from the state of Missouri, one of the principal charges brought against them was that they believed in revelation and in prophets. The commanding general, who was entrusted with the order of the state, to exterminate the Mormons from Missouri, volunteered the statement to the saints that if they would cease to believe in revelation and in prophets, he would be willing to let them stay in the state, and they need never expect to see their prophets and leaders again, for their life was cast and their doom was sealed.

Today, however, the world is full of revelation, of various kinds. But let me say to you there is only one kind of revelation that is acceptable to God, and that is the revelation which comes through the channel He, Himself has appointed. There are spurious revelations; there are imitations; there are bogus revelations. The world is full of them today. But you do not hear nowadays that old hue and cry, "No more revelation; no more spiritual manifestations; all those things are false; never to return." The world has grown a little on that point since the commencement of this great latter-day work.

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came angels, all we would have to do throughout the endless ages of eternity would be to hear our crowns at the feet of Jesus and sing the praises of His name. Have you ever heard such a doctrine preached? I can see some gray-heads right before me, and I hear them saying, "Over and over again. It was believed in and followed by our fathers in olden times. Joseph Smith taught a different doctrine to that. And now in later years I heard a very eminent preacher declare that he thanked God there had been born in his soul the hope and the thought that in the resurrection of the dead he would have the privilege of meeting his wife and his children and his friends. This is the idea that is now possessing the minds of some preachers throughout the world, and you do not hear them talking about this nondescript character of the angels in the world to come. The world is growing in this direction; it is advancing knowledge. And it has been since the proclamation of the glorious principle of the gospel, through Joseph the Prophet, that we are to be joined together in this life by the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the next life, and that we will come up in the resurrection of the just, according to the promises placed upon our heads, male and female, husband and wife, parents and children, just as we are now, and that relationship which is dearer than life, only it will then be in its perfected state. Joseph Smith taught this doctrine nearly 40 years ago. He taught all the truths that have been revealed since seventy years ago, when no man was found in all the Christian world to proclaim such principles or to believe in them. But today we hear of angels, their traditions, their foolish beliefs, their erroneous doctrines, are giving way before the light of truth that has been restored through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith.

**DAMNABLE HERESY EXPOSED.**  
We still hear, however, in various parts of the world, of a circumstance, something like this: A murderer has been tried and convicted, and sentenced to be hung or electrocuted for his crime, and before the execution, the penalty of some so-called minister of the gospel is sent for or seeks the poor culprit with a desire to administer consolation to him in his last moments. He promises to talk to him, to pray for him, and to administer religion to him. What for? Oh, that the murderer—the wickedest of all criminals—had he will but confess of his crime, and he will be forgiven, and he will be sent to heaven, and he will be with him, and to administer religion to him. What for? Oh, that the murderer—the wickedest of all criminals—had he will but confess of his crime, and he will be forgiven, and he will be sent to heaven, and he will be with him, and to administer religion to him.

**FALSEHOOD SUPPLANTED BY TRUTH.**  
In that day, too, we used to hear the old Calvinistic doctrine of election and reprobation—that some were born to be saved, and some were born to be damned; that do what they would, they could not alter their destiny; that those who were born to be saved would be saved, no matter what they did, and that those who were born to be damned would be damned. Joseph Smith knocked that doctrine in the head by the revelation of those who were born to be saved, and some were born to be damned; that do what they would, they could not alter their destiny; that those who were born to be saved would be saved, no matter what they did, and that those who were born to be damned would be damned. Joseph Smith knocked that doctrine in the head by the revelation of those who were born to be saved, and some were born to be damned; that do what they would, they could not alter their destiny; that those who were born to be saved would be saved, no matter what they did, and that those who were born to be damned would be damned.

**SALVATION OF CHILDREN ASSURED.**  
I can remember hearing in the days of my youth very eminent preachers of religion declare that little children, not a span long, if they were not baptized or sprinkled, would be damned and go to hell, and that hell itself was filled with unbaptized children. Joseph Smith put a veto upon this absurdity, by the revelation of those who were born to be saved, and some were born to be damned; that do what they would, they could not alter their destiny; that those who were born to be saved would be saved, no matter what they did, and that those who were born to be damned would be damned. Joseph Smith knocked that doctrine in the head by the revelation of those who were born to be saved, and some were born to be damned; that do what they would, they could not alter their destiny; that those who were born to be saved would be saved, no matter what they did, and that those who were born to be damned would be damned.

**WHY MORMONISM IS NOT BELIEVED.**  
A gentleman once said to me, "Mr. Smith, there is a great deal to be said for your religion, but I don't believe in your religion. We often hear such an expression as this. Well, why don't they believe in your religion? They don't understand it. They have not investigated it; they do not know what it is; they do not understand the spirit of it, nor its purpose, its origin, its destiny. All that they know is that they have been deceived by the reports that have been sent out into the world, and that all that sort of thing. They do not believe in it, and they do not know what it is. If they did know, they would then say that they did not believe in it. Well, what would you think if I should say to you, 'I don't believe in the sun shining and giving light to the earth.' And yet, if I was blind and had never seen the light of the sun, I might be pardoned for making such an expression as that. But, having eyes to see, and being able to comprehend, dare not say that the sun does not shine, and that the earth does not receive light from it, because I know better. I believe in the sun shining and giving light to the earth, and I believe in your religion, because I know better. I believe in your religion, because I know better. I believe in your religion, because I know better.

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**FRUITS OF MORMONISM.**  
I thank my Father in heaven for Mormonism. I thank Him that I have been able to learn something about it, to know something of its aims and purposes and principles, and that my heart has been inclined to accept and obey them. My desire is for good to all mankind. I would not hurt the hair of any man or woman in the world. I would gladly do men and women good. I would gladly help the weak, remove error from the minds of my fellow creatures and place there the truth; but I would not place in the minds of any living soul an error, a falsehood, or anything that tended to crime or wickedness. The gospel of Jesus Christ has put it into my heart to do good, and I have been trying to do good since I was a child. If any man has suffered from anything I have done or said, as I have remarked many a time, let him come to me and show me wherein I have done him wrong or injured him in the least, and I will go more than half way to make it right with him. I love no man anything, to my knowledge, except gratitude to my friends, to my loved ones, and to those that have faith in my work and mission. I owe them a wealth of gratitude beyond computation. I prize the love and the confidence of my fellowmen above all price; and those who have lost confidence in me and have no faith in my mission and work, for them I have only sorrow. I would not hurt them, but I would permit them to go, if they would permit me. Now, this is not spontaneous within my nature. I know that my human nature is for I have tested it many a time. I have seen the day when if a man struck me, the first thought and the first act on my part would probably be to strike back again. This is the weakness of fallen human nature. But the strength that comes from the gospel of Jesus Christ lifts man from this condition into a higher state, so that he comes nearer to the Great Exemplar, even Christ Jesus, who taught as no man ever taught, and who endured as no man ever endured the scoffs and scorns and calumnies of his fellowmen, yet being reviled, He reviled not again; when He was smitten, He smote not back; and in the last moments of His earthly existence, in the midst of His agony, He cried, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." This gospel, these principles of life and salvation, revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and now being taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, raise men out of their fallen condition, magnify them into the image of God, and make them to become more like the Saviour, in whom they live up to these principles. A true Latter-day Saint is without sin. We can judge for ourselves as to whether we are true Latter-day Saints or not. If we yield to the weakness of fallen nature, the temptations of the flesh, and to the proneness of human nature to do things that are forbidden in the laws of God and the precepts of the Gospel, what we ought to be—true Latter-day Saints; but if we live day by day so that we can take our record before the great Judge, and say, "The Father, here am I, and here is the record of my thoughts and actions," without being ashamed of the record or afraid of the judgment, all will be well with us. In proportion as we come near to being able to do this, so shall we enjoy the light of the gospel and the spirit of our religion, which is the Spirit of God, the spirit of good, of purity, of integrity, of honesty, and of fellowship and love for one another and for God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

The Lord bless you, my brethren and sisters. May He help us live up to His religion, keep His commandments, and above all things, keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the world. Be fearless in the accomplishment of your duty, and work the Lord's will as assigned to you. No matter if men scoff and hold you in derision; no matter if they ridicule what you say and do, do your duty, and leave the consequences to the Father, and you will see that He will overrule all things for good in the end. The Lord bless you, Amen.

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