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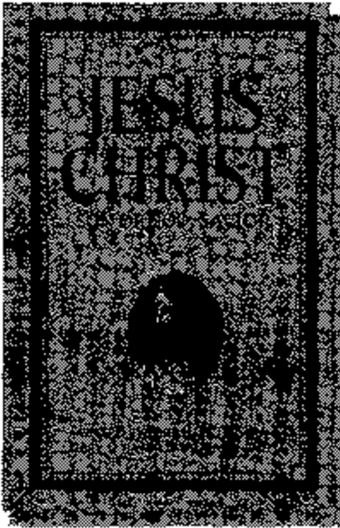
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# New Publications



## *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*

This new volume published by the Religious Studies Center contains powerful presentations from a BYU symposium on the Savior. Its sixteen chapters offer stirring testimonies and doctrinal pieces by General Authorities such as President Merrill J. Bateman and Elder Gerald N. Lund and religious educators such as Robert L. Millet and Andrew C. Skinner. The book answers questions such as

- How can the account of the visit of the resurrected Lord to the people of the Americas inspire us to come unto Christ?
- Do we as Latter-day Saints really worship a “different Jesus” than our evangelical brothers and sisters?
- How does the concept of grace fit in with Latter-day Saint theology?

The authors provide insight into the Redeemer’s love for us as individuals. For example, W. Jeffrey Marsh, associate professor of ancient scripture at BYU, writes: “While the Savior may not always remove the trials from our lives, His grace can bear us up against all the pressures surrounding us, regardless of the kinds of bondage we may find ourselves in. He knows how to help us, how to free us, and how to lead and protect us, if we will but exercise faith in Him.”

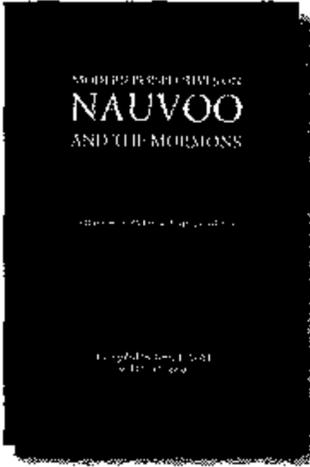
These topics are among the many doctrinal pieces:

- The Savior’s premortal foreordination and mortal ministry

- Our Creator's humility to be born as the Babe of Bethlehem
- The role of mercy and grace in our redemption
- The reassuring reality of the Atonement and Resurrection

Edited by Paul H. Peterson, Gary L. Hatch, and Laura D. Card, this volume sounds a clarion call of testimony—offered with clarity, vigor, and gratitude—in witness of the divine calling of our Lord and Savior, Jesus of Nazareth.

This book is available at Latter-day Saint bookstores.



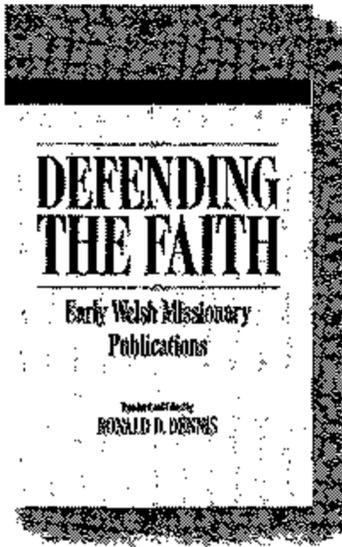
### *Modern Perspectives on Nauvoo and the Mormons*

Following the Church's 1999 announcement to rebuild the Nauvoo Illinois Temple, local residents began wondering whether this new development would help or harm its small-town atmosphere. No doubt the rebuilding of the temple would bring changes in city planning, public services, traffic, and so on to a population of eleven hundred.

Larry E. Dahl, appointed to direct the BYU Semester at Nauvoo program, noticed the mixed reactions of the townspeople and wanted to capture their thoughts about Nauvoo's history, current events, the future, and general perceptions of "the Mormons." Dr. Dahl, an emeritus professor of Church history and doctrine at BYU, recognized that Nauvoo's history is very much dependent upon its oral traditions and that a colorful picture of Nauvoo's history would emerge from a series of interviews with the long-standing residents.

With the endorsement of the Nauvoo Historical Society, Dr. Dahl decided to interview residents whose families had, in many cases, been in Nauvoo since its early history. He recruited nine students in the BYU Semester at Nauvoo program to conduct the interviews. What came of those interviews is alternately candid, funny, and illuminating. Edited by Larry E. Dahl and Don Norton and published by the Religious Studies Center, *Modern Perspectives on Nauvoo and the Mormons* contains the transcribed interviews of twenty-six residents. A piece of fascinating Americana, *Modern Perspectives* will interest historians of Nauvoo and those looking for a good study of small-town life in contemporary America.

The volume is not for sale, but a limited number of copies have been distributed to the Church Archives, the Harold B. Lee Library, the BYU Religious Education Library, the BYU Semester at Nauvoo Library, Nauvoo Public Library, and the Nauvoo Historical Society.



*Defending the Faith:  
Early Welsh Missionary Publications*

The press in nineteenth-century Wales was both a curse and a blessing for early members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On the one hand, Church members and missionaries faced frequent attacks from several religious periodicals then being circulated, and their rebuttals were systematically refused publication. On the other hand, they were able to use the press as a defensive tool as well as an offensive weapon when Captain Dan Jones, using his brother's printing press in the little village of Rhydybont, near Llanybydder in Carmarthenshire, translated the twelve-page *Proclamation of the Twelve Apostles* into Welsh and did much of the other work in getting four thousand copies printed for circulation. For the next three years, this "prostitute press," as opponents called it, produced thousands of pages in support of Latter-day Saint doctrine. These stirring pamphlets and poems helped convert hundreds of Welsh.

In January 1849, a young convert by the name of John S. Davis was put in charge of Church publications in Welsh. He set up his own press in Merthyr Tydfil and for five years produced an amazing quantity and assortment of materials. Then, in January 1854, Dan Jones, back in Wales on his second mission, purchased Davis's press and published even more tracts and pamphlets for another two years.

The vast majority of Jones's and Davis's publications have gone unnoticed by historians, due in large measure to the language barrier. Believing that such historically valuable treasures deserved to come to light, Professor Ronald D. Dennis has prepared "facsimile translations" of seventy of the early Welsh publications in his *Defending the Faith: Early Welsh Missionary Publications*, a new volume from the Religious Studies Center at Brigham Young University. In addition to its historical value, genealogists will find valuable clues to Welsh family history.

This book is available at Latter-day Saint bookstores. **RL**



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### Religious Studies Center

Established in 1975 by BYU Religious Education Dean Jeffrey R. Holland, the Religious Studies Center (RSC) is the research arm of Religious Education at Brigham Young University. Since its inception, it has provided funding for numerous projects, including conferences, books, and articles relating to Latter-day Saint culture, history, scripture, and doctrine. The RSC endeavors to use its resources to, first, facilitate excellence in teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ; second, encourage research and publication that contribute to the mission of the university and its sponsoring institution, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and third, promote study and understanding of other cultures and religions.

### Research and Publication

One of the primary aspects of the RSC's mission is to promote the search for new truths and the quest to better understand well-known truths. The ultimate interpretation of doctrinal matters rests with the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; therefore, we seek to discover historical background, provide cultural and linguistic details, and explore new avenues of understanding into our faith, history, and way of life. Thus, research into scripture, Church history, and religious matters in general is an important part of what the full-time Religious Education faculty do. Because BYU is primarily a teaching institution, we recognize as our major thrust the classroom experience. We seek, however, to expand our classroom through the writing and publication of our research.

The RSC helps fund several meaningful projects each year and publishes books, articles, a newsletter, and the *Religious Educator* in helping to promote and disseminate Latter-day Saint research and thought. These publications enhance the libraries of Latter-day Saint readers and others who take an interest in the history or culture of the Latter-day Saints.

### **An Invitation to Join with Us**

RSC research and publication projects are sustained by university funding and by financial donations from friends who want to encourage the kind of quality work the RSC does. We are thankful for the generosity of those who support our efforts to bring the best scholarship to light. If you would like to become a donor to the RSC to help its mission, please contact the RSC at 370 JSB, BYU, Provo, UT 84602.

The Religious Studies Center restricts its publications to items that fit within the scholarly range of the curriculum and mission of Religious Education. It produces materials that are well written, rigorous, and original and that reflect the doctrine, the history, the teachings of the living prophets, and the standard works of the Restoration. It seeks works that meet academic needs or fill a niche in the area of faithful scholarship. It welcomes all materials that fit within these parameters.