



Religious Educator: Perspectives on the Restored Gospel

Volume 7 | Number 1

Article 1

4-1-2006

Front Matter

Religious Educator

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/re>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Educator, Religious. "Front Matter." *Religious Educator: Perspectives on the Restored Gospel* 7, no. 1 (2006). <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/re/vol7/iss1/1>

This Front Matter is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in *Religious Educator: Perspectives on the Restored Gospel* by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Teachers as Torchbearers
The Allegory of the Olive Tree
Charting the Course

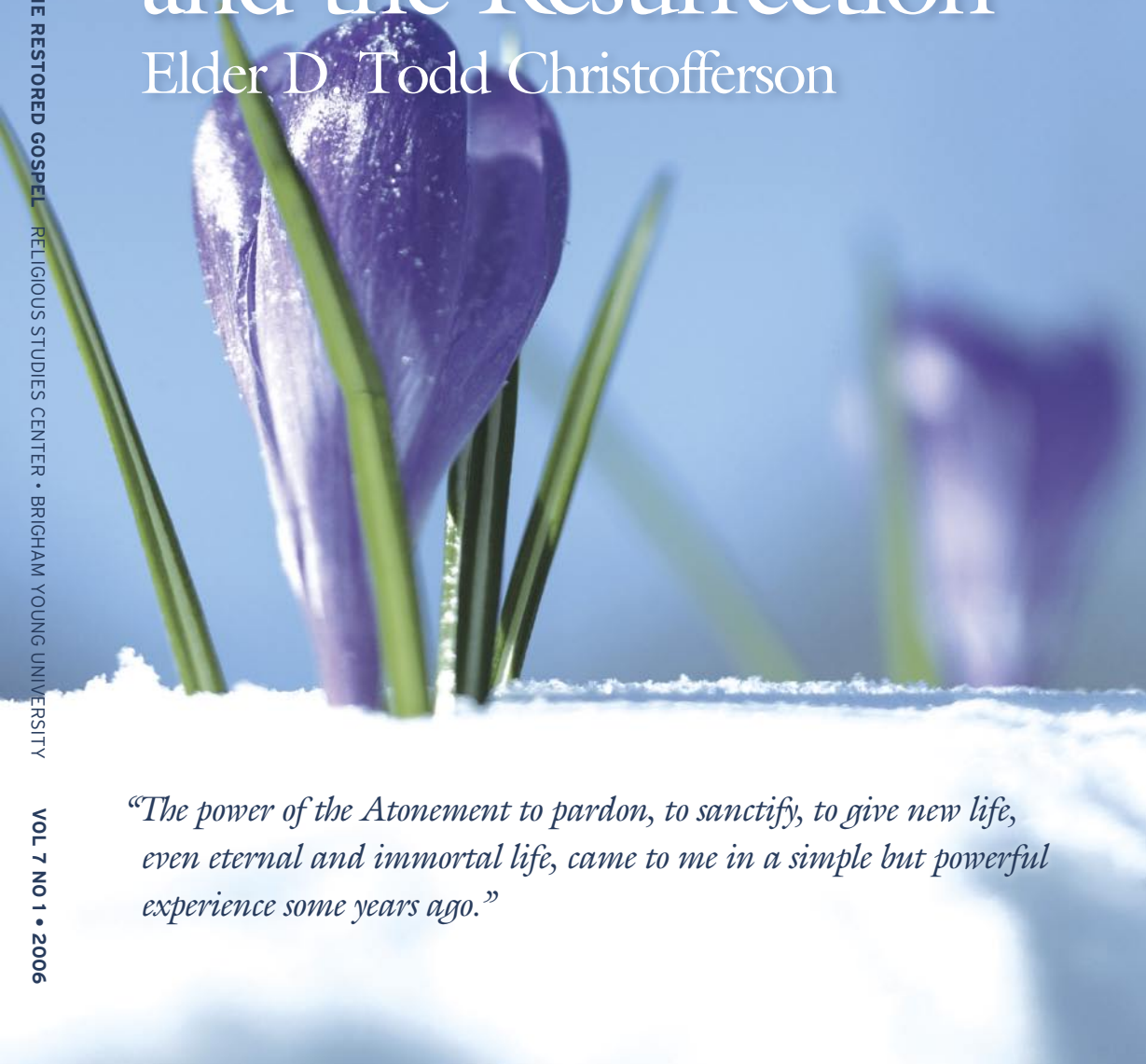
THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATOR

PERSPECTIVES ON THE RESTORED GOSPEL

VOL 7 NO 1 • 2006

The Atonement and the Resurrection

Elder D. Todd Christofferson



“The power of the Atonement to pardon, to sanctify, to give new life, even eternal and immortal life, came to me in a simple but powerful experience some years ago.”

THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATOR
PERSPECTIVES ON THE RESTORED GOSPEL



RELIGIOUS STUDIES CENTER
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

PROVO, UTAH

VOLUME 7 NUMBER 1

2006



“Had Jesus not devoted Himself to the Father and to the Father’s will, throughout His life and throughout His existence prior to this life, He might not have been able to see the Atonement through to its conclusion.”

Elder D. Todd Christofferson

ON THE COVER:

After winter, this beautiful iris emerges from a snowy grave, representing new life the Resurrection and the Atonement afford.

The *Religious Educator* is published three times a year by the Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. This publication serves the needs and interests of those who study and teach the restored gospel of Jesus Christ on a regular basis. The distinct focuses are on teaching the gospel; publishing studies on scripture, doctrine, and Church history; and sharing outstanding devotional essays. The contributions to each issue are carefully reviewed and edited by experienced teachers, writers, and scholars.

Articles are selected on their appeal to and appropriateness for religion professors at each of the Brigham Young University campuses, seminary and institute teachers, and other gospel teachers of adults and young adults. In every issue, we plan a selection of articles that will be helpful and appealing to this diverse audience. The beliefs of the respective authors are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Subscriptions. The subscription rate is \$10 per year. Subscribers can place orders online at tre.byu.edu (preferred method) or by mail addressed to Creative Works, Brigham Young University, 3760 HBLL, Provo, UT 84602-6854. Mail subscriptions must include the following information: name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address (optional; for renewal purposes only), current CES responsibilities, an indication of the number of years of subscription desired (up to three), and a check or money order made out to Creative Works.

Subscription Questions. Subscription questions should be sent via e-mail to catalog@byu.edu and should include "TRE Subscriptions" on the subject line. Back issues are available online only.

Editorial Questions. For questions or comments, e-mail us at thereligiouseducator@byu.edu or write to The *Religious Educator*, 167 HGB, Provo, UT 84602-2701.

Submissions. Complete author guidelines, including suitable topics, are provided at tre.byu.edu. All manuscripts should be submitted electronically to thereligiouseducator@byu.edu. Hardcopy submissions are accepted but not encouraged; send to the editorial office at the address listed above.

Manuscripts must be word processed in double-spaced format, including quotations. A minimum of embedded word-processing commands should be used. Authors should follow style conventions of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition, and the *Style Guide for Publications of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 3rd edition, as reflected in a recent issue of the *Religious Educator*.

Those manuscripts that meet all criteria and appear to fill current needs will be peer reviewed and will receive a friendly, but careful, review. Authors will then be notified of the decision about publication. This process generally takes four to six months, and publication will generally occur within a year after acceptance has been received.

If an article is accepted, authors will be notified and asked to provide photocopies of all source materials cited, arranged in order, numbered to coincide with endnotes, and highlighted to reflect the quotations or paraphrases. Photocopies of source material must include title page and source page with the quotations used highlighted.

ISSN 1536-4720

© 2006 by Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. All rights reserved

Printed in the U.S.A. on acid-free paper

**THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATOR**
VOLUME 7 NUMBER 1

Religious Studies Center

Director

Terry B. Ball
Dean, Religious Education

Associate Director

Richard D. Draper

Advisory Board

Terry B. Ball
Dean, Religious Education

Richard D. Draper
*Associate Dean,
Religious Education*

Matthew O. Richardson
*Associate Dean,
Religious Education*

Paul H. Peterson
*Chair, Department of
Church History and
Doctrine*

Dennis L. Largey
*Acting Chair,
Department of
Ancient Scripture*

Dennis A. Wright
*Associate Chair, Depart-
ment of Church History
and Doctrine*

Editorial Advisory Board

Tad R. Callister
Toronto, Canada

Jack R. Christianson
Orem, Utah

Kathy K. Clayton
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Milly Day
Indianapolis, Indiana

Thomas R. Valletta
Pleasant View, Utah

Randall L. Hall
Orem, Utah

Veneese C. Nelson
Highland, Utah

Lindon J. Robison
Okemos, Michigan

Jolene E. Rockwood
Batesville, Indiana

Lynne K. Speierman
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Victor L. Walch
Wilsonville, Oregon

**Religious Studies
Center—Publications**

Managing Director

Richard Neitzel Holzapfel

Executive Editor

R. Devan Jensen

Office Manager

Charlotte A. Pollard

Student Editorial Interns

Marisa A. Erickson
Lindsay J. Grossnickle
Elizabeth A. Pinborough
Stanley J. Thayne
Philip R. Webb

The Religious Educator

Editor-in-Chief

Richard Neitzel Holzapfel

Executive Editor

R. Devan Jensen

Associate Editor

Ted D. Stoddard

Student Assistants

Karyn Hunter Heath
Adrienne Malan
Erin Tanner

Design

Stephen A. Hales
Brandon J. Barney
Stephen Hales Creative, Inc.

**Subscription
Management**

Mary Jo Tansy
Creative Works

Editors' Introduction

Elder D. Todd Christofferson spoke at BYU on March 26, 2005, offering his unique perspective on the Atonement and the Resurrection. In this landmark address, he bears witness of the Savior's suffering for our sins, His complete submission to the Father's will, and the fruits of the Atonement for us.

In "Beyond 'Recipe Repentance' and 'Formula Forgiveness,'" Lawrence R. Flake shares the story of a young woman who broke the law of chastity and then expected quick forgiveness because she had "gone through the motions" of repenting. He rejects the notion of repentance as a to-do list and gives us additional insight into finding peace through the Atonement.

In the first of three articles on the Book of Mormon, R. Mark Matheson draws vital aspects of teaching from this sacred record, including becoming worthy of the Spirit's influence and learning from the students. Then, in "'Ye Shall Have Joy with Me': The Olive Tree, the Lord, and His Servant," Daniel Belnap highlights the relationship between the Lord and His servant to emphasize our role in gathering Israel. In "Building Lessons Filled with Light," Robert R. Wallace takes the account of the Jaredites' boatbuilding and suggests principles for educators, including making our lessons "small, light, and tight" like the Jaredite barges.

In "Teachers as Torchbearers," Michael K. Parson shares his early dreams of becoming a teacher and an Olympic runner and relates his life-changing experiences in the Vietnam War.

Peter B. Rawlins teaches how discerning and meeting the needs of members was the essence of the Savior's ministry and suggests that we keep this in the forefront of our own ministry. Tina Taylor Dyches discusses a very practical application of this concept by suggesting ways we can serve ward members with disabilities.

President J. Reuben Clark Jr. offered a charge to religious educators in 1938 that has become a classic. In "Charting the Course," Scott C. Esplin looks at the lasting influence of this address.

We finish this issue with the first installment in a new series of articles, "Profiles of the Prophets." The focus this time is Gordon B. Hinckley, fifteenth President of the Church.

Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, Editor-in-Chief
R. Devan Jensen, Executive Editor
Ted D. Stoddard, Associate Editor

Contents

- 1 The Atonement and the Resurrection
Elder D. Todd Christofferson
- 13 Beyond “Recipe Repentance” and “Formula Forgiveness”
Lawrence R. Flake
- 21 Teaching in the Book of Mormon
R. Mark Matheson
- 35 “Ye Shall Have Joy with Me”: The Olive Tree, the Lord, and His Servant
Daniel Belnap
- 53 Building Lessons Filled with Light
Robert R. Wallace
- 63 Teachers as Torchbearers
Michael K. Parson
- 79 Discerning and Meeting Needs: The Essence of Our Ministry
Peter B. Rawlins
- 91 Welcoming All of God’s Children in His House: Supporting
Members with Disabilities
Tina Taylor Dyches
- 103 Charting the Course: President Clark’s Charge to
Religious Educators
Scott C. Esplin
- 121 Profiles of the Prophets: Gordon B. Hinckley
Lloyd D. Newell
- 133 New Publications
Joseph Smith and the Doctrinal Restoration
Sperry Symposium Classics: The Old Testament
*Pioneers in the Pacific: Memory, History, and Cultural Identity among the
Latter-day Saints*
Fire on Ice: The Story of Icelandic Latter-day Saints at Home and Abroad
A Descriptive Bibliography of the Mormon Church, Vol. 2
Window of Faith: Latter-day Saint Perspectives on World History
Latter-day Saint Nurses at War: A Story of Caring and Compassion
Salvation in Christ: Comparative Christian Views