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From FARMS

Message of the Joseph Smith Papyri, edited by John Gee and Michael Rhodes, is a second edition of Hugh Nibley's 1975 book of the same title on the Egyptian endowment. It is still the only book-length treatment of the important Egyptian text now known as the "Document of Breathing-Made-by-Isis," a copy of which was found among the Joseph Smith Papyri. The new edition features previously excised material, corrections of numerous typographical errors, improved illustrations, and accurate placement of illustrations in the text. This book, published jointly with Deseret Book, is now at press after years of intense effort. Because of a recent concerted push to finish this project, the *FARMS Review* and *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* are running late.

From METI

Theodore Abū Qurrah, translated and introduced by John C. Lamoreaux of Southern Methodist University, includes first-ever English translations of a substantial portion of Theodore Abū Qurrah's writings, which treat such issues as the characteristics of true religion and the nature of free will. Abū Qurrah (fl. AD 810), the bishop of Haran (in modern-day southern Turkey), was one of the first Christians to write in Arabic and to mount a sustained theological defense of Christianity against Islam. This book is now at press and will be distributed by the University of Chicago Press and made available through the BYU Bookstore.

By ISPART Scholars with Other Publishers

Joseph: Exploring the Life and Ministry of the Prophet, edited by Susan Easton Black and Andrew C. Skinner (Deseret Book, 2005), features studies by 33 Latter-day Saint scholars on an array of topics, including Joseph Smith's mission foretold by ancient prophets, Moroni's visits, the book of Lehi, the Three Witnesses, the mission to the Lamanites, Zion's Camp, the Kirtland Temple, the gatherings, the Nauvoo Legion, and the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum.

The Pearl of Great Price: A Verse-by-Verse Commentary, by Richard D. Draper, S. Kent Brown, and Michael D. Rhodes (Deseret Book, 2005), offers detailed analyses of the Book of Moses and the Book of Abraham (including the facsimiles) in light of ancient and modern sources. It likewise provides insights into the background and doctrinal content of Joseph Smith—History, Joseph Smith—Matthew, and the Articles of Faith.

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