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## FARMS Review cont. from p. 7

Gaye Strathearn reviews Jeffrey A. Trumbower's *Rescue for the Dead: The Posthumous Salvation of Non-Christians in Early Christianity*, a volume from a non-Latter-day Saint writer documenting evidence of baptism and prayer for the dead in the early Christian church. Strathearn discusses and commends both Trumbower's research and his notes on the Latter-day Saint practices concerning salvation for the dead.

In addition to its 13 book reviews, this issue of the *Review* includes 6 essays of related interest, 15 book notes, the editor's rating of recent books, and an index to the 2003 issues. The freestanding essays deal with such topics as recent trends in Book of Mormon apologetics, secret combinations, and the New World Archaeological Foundation. To purchase a copy of the *FARMS Review*, use the enclosed mail-order form or visit the FARMS section (under "BYU Publications") of [byubookstore.com](http://byubookstore.com). 

### FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

*Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* (vol. 13, nos. 1–2), edited by S. Kent Brown, is a special double issue devoted to the Hill Cumorah. Studies include the geologic history and archaeology of the area, early accounts of a cave in the hill, the Hill Cumorah Pageant (its history, music, and costuming), Latter-day Saint poetry, the Hill Cumorah Monument, a linguistic analysis of the name *Cumorah*, and the earliest photographs of the hill. Available late fall 2004.

*Apostles and Bishops in Early Christianity*, edited by John Hall and John W. Welch, represents an edited, expanded version of Hugh Nibley's lecture notes from a class he taught in 1954. This volume explores the offices of apostle and bishop, the priesthood authority associated with them, and questions of succession in the early church and in Rome. Copublished with Deseret Book, it will appear as volume 15 in the *Collected Works of Hugh Nibley*. Available late fall 2004.

*Astronomy, Papyrus, and Covenant*, edited by John Gee and Brian Hauglid, is the third volume in the *Book of Abraham Series*. It includes papers from a FARMS-sponsored conference on the Book of Abraham and covers such topics as Abraham's vision of the heavens, commonalities between the Book of Abraham and noncanonical ancient texts, and the significance of the Abrahamic covenant. Available early 2005.

### Forthcoming METI Publications

*Theodore Abu Qurrah*, translated and introduced by John C. Lamoreaux of Southern Methodist University, includes first-ever English translations of a substantial portion of Theodore Abu Qurrah's writings, which treat such issues as the characteristics of true religion and the nature of free will. Abu Qurrah (fl. AD 810), the bishop of Harran (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. Available late 2004.

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