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Apostles and Bishops in Early Christianity, by Hugh W. Nibley, edited by John F. Hall and John W. Welch, presents an edited, expanded version of Hugh Nibley's verbatim lecture "notes" that he prepared for a course he taught in 1954. Extensive footnotes have been developed from Nibley's cryptic source notations. In this course, Nibley explored 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 early 2005.

Astronomy, Papyrus, and Covenant, edited by John Gee and Brian Hauglid, is the third volume in the Studies 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 spring 2005.

The FARMS Review (vol. 16, no. 2), edited by Daniel C. Peterson, features three articles on Book of Mormon geography and reviews of publications on topics ranging from the Deuteronomist influence on the Old Testament and the Mormon doctrine of creation to gospel symbolism, the Joseph Smith Papyri, interpreting Isaiah, and a non-Latter-day Saint's analysis of Mormon theology. This issue also includes an older essay deemed to be of lasting value (initiating a new feature in the *Review*), book notes, a 2003 Book of Mormon bibliography, and the editor's top picks of recent publications. Available late January 2005.

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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. Available early 2005.

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