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David O. McKay: The Prophet, Seer, and Revelator*

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. . . In the position of president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, David O. McKay has been sustained as a prophet, seer, and revelator. A prophet is an inspired and divinely appointed revealer of God's mind and will . . . A seer is greater than a prophet. . . "A seer can know of things which are past, and also of things which are to come, and by them shall all things be revealed. . ." His preparation for this mission began in the premortal world. . . A prophet does not become a spiritual leader by studying books about religion, nor does he become one by attending a theological seminary. One becomes a prophet, a divinely called religious leader by actual spiritual contact. . . President David O. McKay knew that Jesus lives, that He is the Redeemer of the world. . .

*From President Lee's address at the funeral of President David O. McKay, January 22, 1970.

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