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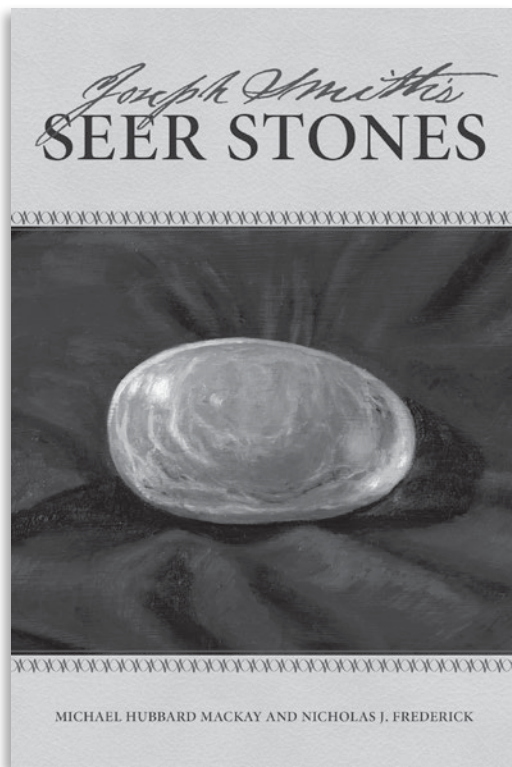
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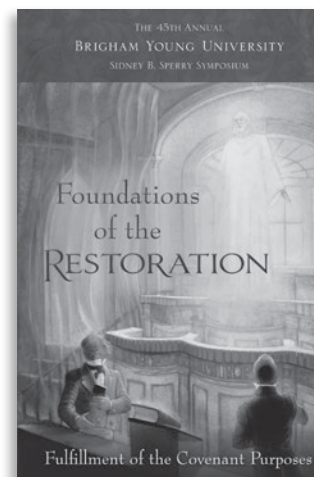
By Michael Hubbard MacKay and Nicholas J. Frederick

This book discusses the origins of Joseph Smith's seer stones and explores how Joseph used them throughout his life in a way that goes beyond translating the Book of Mormon. It also traces the

provenance of the seer stones once they leave his possession.

The authors also examine how the Book of Mormon itself provides a storyline about the history of seer stones, which also helped Joseph Smith learn about his own prophetic gifts. Finally, this book explores how Joseph Smith took his own experiences with seer stones and created a theology of seer stones that became closely linked with his unique doctrines of exaltation.

ISBN: 978-1-9443-9405-9; US \$24.99



### Foundations of the Restoration: Fulfillment of the Covenant Purposes

Edited by Craig James Ostler, Michael Hubbard MacKay, and Barbara E. Morgan

This book is a compilation of essays from the 45th annual Brigham Young University Sydney B. Sperry Symposium titled *The Foundations of the Restoration*. The keynote address by Robert L. Millet highlights the restoration of plain and precious truths. Readers will learn how we understand LDS history and doctrine, about the beliefs declared in the Articles of Faith and how we apply their truths, about the development of temples and temple ordinances, and about the restoration of true Sabbath worship. Also included are chapters on Church newspaper editor and hymn writer William W. Phelps's contributions to our understanding of the restoration of the gospel; the historical development of sustaining members of the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve as prophets, seers, and revelators; and the harmony and counsel needed in their declaring doctrine and making administrative decisions.

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### A Reason for Faith: Navigating LDS Doctrine & Church History

Edited by Laura Harris Hales

*A Reason for Faith* was written to do just as the title implies: provide reasons for faith by offering faithful answers to sincere questions. Before the Internet, historical and doctrinal questions not addressed in the curriculum of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were mostly found in the scholarly articles of academic journals. This is no longer the case. These topics are now widely debated and discussed online and in other forums. And when members of the LDS Church come across information that is unfamiliar, they may feel surprise, fear, betrayal, or even anger.

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### Sidney B. Sperry Symposium

*Friday and Saturday, 28–29 October 2016*

The 45th Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium will be held in the Joseph Smith (JSB) auditorium on BYU campus. The theme is “Foundations of the Restoration: Fulfillment of the Covenant Purposes.” Presentations will cover the Savior’s restoration of foundational truths, doctrines, and covenants.

### Religious Education Student Symposium

*Friday, 17 February 2017*

This event will be held in the Wilkinson Student Center from 9:00 to noon. The annual student symposium provides a forum for students to research, write, and present papers about religious subjects from a faithful perspective. For more information, visit <http://rsc.byu.edu/studentsymposium>.

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### Student Editor

Born and raised in a suburb just south of Denver, Tyler is a proud Coloradan. He is currently studying history with minors in editing and business management at BYU and loves working as an editing intern at the RSC. He finds Church history fascinating and believes in the importance of the RSC’s mission—publishing groundbreaking works on Church scripture, doctrine, history, and culture. His favorite hobbies include camping, hiking, traveling, reading history books, playing his harmonica, participating in deep discussions around campfires, and spending time with his wife, Katelyn.



### Student Editor

Jessica Neilson is a senior majoring in English language and minor-ing in editing. She has grown up in the same house in Bluffdale, Utah, for her whole life; in fact, her first time moving was to attend Utah State University after graduating from high school. After two rewarding years going to school in Logan, she transferred to BYU, where she has loved the rigorous coursework, gospel-centered environment, and inspiring peers and mentors around her. Jessica relishes reading and playing sports, particularly basketball and volleyball. She enjoys working as an editing intern for the Religious

Studies Center, where she appreciates the gospel knowledge she is able to gain and the uplifting atmosphere in which she can work.



### Student Media Specialist

Angela Lee has always had a passion for communications and media. She was raised in a multicultural household, which prepared her with the bilingual skills necessary to adapt when her family moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, for a few years; however, she is proud to call Mesa, Arizona, home. Currently she is a senior at Brigham Young University majoring in public relations; she plans to graduate in the spring of 2017. After graduation she hopes to study different cultures and their communication tactics. Angela has loved working with the RSC because of the amazing content she gets to work with

and the educational and spiritual effect it has on her. **RE**

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