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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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