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A Firm Foundation
Edited by David J. Whittaker and Arnold K. Garr

How did a church that started with just six official members blossom into a global organization of over fourteen million members? Authors such as Richard L. Bushman, John W. Welch, Mark L. Staker, Ronald W. Walker, Susan Easton Black, and many other historians show how Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and other leaders established the foundation upon which the Church was built. There is great security in this firm foundation, but there is also a “living” dimension to the Church’s organization and administration. God’s hand is always outstretched, his Spirit is ever ready, apostles and prophets continue to speak, and the destiny of his Church and people in these changing and often calamitous times is therefore secure.

Some of these inspired developments in the restored Church are chronicled by the skilled historians who have contributed chapters to this book.

**My Redeemer Lives!**

Edited by Richard Neitzel Holzapfel and Kent P. Jackson

This volume brings together talks from two Brigham Young University Easter Conferences. Presentations address the Savior, his life, his mission, the Atonement, and his influence in our lives today. The contributors include Elder John H. Groberg, Elder Gerald N. Lund, Robert L. Millet, and others. The topics range from the infinite sweep of the Atonement to its personal reach in perfecting individuals.

“It is always a challenge to talk or write about the Atonement of Jesus Christ,” notes Elder Lund. “First of all, it is infinite in its scope. It is the most profound and pivotal event in all of eternity. And we are so totally and utterly finite. We can but glimpse its importance and come only to a small understanding of its full meaning for us.”


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**Banner of the Gospel: Wilford Woodruff**

Edited by Alexander L. Baugh and Susan Easton Black

Wilford Woodruff was different from his predecessors and successors in one particular way—he left an incredibly detailed, handwritten record, spanning over sixty years. He is one of the most important figures in Church history after Joseph Smith, who began Mormonism, and Brigham Young, who led the Saints to Utah and supervised the early colonization of the intermountain west.

This book is a compilation of presentations selected from the BYU Church History Symposium, hosted annually by BYU Religious Education, to honor Wilford Woodruff, to explore his life and the many roles he filled, and to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of his birth.

Preserving the History of the Latter-day Saints
Edited by Richard E. Turley Jr. and Steven C. Harper

The pattern of keeping records dates back to the earliest days of the Church when Joseph Smith, the founding prophet, announced the divine decree, “Behold, there shall be a record kept among you” (D&C 21:1). Leaders of the Church have strived to obey that command.

The Latter-day Saints continue to be a record-keeping people. In fact, there may be no other people on earth of comparable size who have a richer record-keeping tradition than the people nicknamed Mormons. Because of this tradition, scholars can readily evaluate Latter-day Saint history from a wealth of primary documents.


Converging Paths to Truth
Edited by Michael D. Rhodes and J. Ward Moody

Many great scientists such as Newton and Einstein spoke and wrote freely of their religious thoughts and feelings, seeing no fundamental conflict between them and their sciences. Today there is a tendency to emphasize conflict more than harmony. Sometimes people of faith are criticized as blind, naive, or credulous, while scientists are painted as arrogant, unfeeling, or deceived.

Truth is not in conflict with itself. Religious truth is established through revelation, and scientific inquiry has uncovered many facts that have thus far stood the test of time. It is incumbent upon us to seek insights into all truth and to mesh together, where possible, its parts at their proper interface. We discover bridges between scientific and religious knowledge best if we pursue them through study, faith, and ongoing dialogue. The Summerhays lectures and this book are dedicated to discovering and sharing insights on how the truths of revealed religion harmonize with knowledge from the sciences.

The Voice of My Servants: Apostolic Messages on Teaching, Learning, and Scripture
Edited by Scott C. Esplin, Richard Neitzel Holzapfel

Seasoned by time and coupled with an endowment of spiritual light, the prophets, seers, and revelators of our time offer messages with special meaning for all who seek gospel insight. Fulfilling their divine mandate, the prophets in this dispensation have authored a large collection of essays, articles, and addresses expounding issues related to gospel teaching, learning, and scripture.

The Religious Studies Center (RSC) at BYU has regularly published landmark scholarship on Latter-day Saint scripture, doctrine, history, and culture. What is sometimes overlooked is that more than seventy significant essays by General Authorities appear in its collection of publications. This book contains selections from that collection, authored by prophets, seers, and revelators and published by the RSC over the past thirty-five years.

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Within These Prison Walls: Lorenzo Snow’s Record Book 1886–1897
Edited by Andrew H. Hedges and Richard Neitzel Holzapfel

The leather-bound record book was a perfect place for Lorenzo Snow to preserve his outgoing correspondence while incarcerated in the territorial penitentiary. The record book’s significance lies in three areas. First, the record book sheds much-needed light into the thoughts, personality, and personal life of Lorenzo Snow, which are unfamiliar to many Church members today. Second, the record book is significant for its doctrinal content. Finally, it is an important primary source for students of the antipolygamy crusade. His poems and letters are invaluable for understanding how the Saints viewed their persecutions, justified their resistance to the laws, and found the nerve and the will to carry on despite increasingly difficult circumstances.

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The Fortieth Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium

Scheduled for October 28–29, 2011. The keynote speaker will present in the Joseph Smith Building auditorium Friday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

The Sidney B. Sperry Symposium at Brigham Young University has become one of the premier venues for Latter-day Saint religious study. Over the past four decades, both the conference and its corresponding publications have expanded in scope and outreach, extending the impact of Religious Education at BYU. Like Sperry himself, today’s Sperry Symposium influences thousands through seminars and publications. For more information, please visit http://rsc.byu.edu/symposia/sperry.

The BYU Church History Symposium

Scheduled for March 3, 2012. The Brigham Young University Church History Symposium was established to explore annually a topic of special interest in the experience of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the symposium, historians meet to share the fruits of their research with each other and with a general audience of interested Latter-day Saints and friends. The symposium has become the premier symposium for scholarship on Church history. Selected papers from each symposium are published in a book by the Religious Studies Center. Hundreds of people attend each year to be enlightened and edified. This symposium is free to attend and registration is not required.

The BYU Easter Conference

Scheduled for April 7, 2012. Presenters will speak about the Savior, his life, his mission, the Atonement, and his influence in our lives today. The conference will feature notable Church leaders, historians, scholars, educators, and authors. The conference also features special instrumental and vocal presentations. Attending the BYU Easter Conference is an ideal way to celebrate Easter Sunday. This conference is free to attend and registration is not required. For more information, please visit http://easterconference.byu.edu.
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