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No Weapon Shall Prosper: New Light on Sensitive Issues
Edited by Robert L. Millet

From the time young Joseph Smith Jr. walked out of the grove of trees, opposition to what he had experienced has been constant. To suggest that all the existing churches were wrong and that their creeds were an abomination in the sight of God was to stir up a hornet’s nest, to invite criticism and suspicion, and to open the door to persecution. We ought to be competent disciples, serious students of the gospel who are able to provide a defense of the faith. As contributors, we are fully persuaded that Mormonism is not only true and faithful but also reasonable. We are committed to our faith and way of life because the Spirit of the living God has borne witness to our souls that what began in Palmyra and now reaches to every corner of the globe is true and is God-ordained and God-inspired. This volume does not address every sensitive issue, but it does provide answers to a reasonable cross section of hard questions.
Notes from an Amateur: A Disciple’s Life in the Academy

John S. Tanner

The word *amateur* derives from the Latin for “love.” An amateur is at root a lover—a lover of sport, science, art, and so forth. Tanner explains, “There is much to recommend the professional ethic, including rigor, methodology, high standards of review, and so forth . . . . Yet it is hoped that we also never cease to be amateurs in our professions—that is, passionate devotees of our disciplines.” This book gathers together brief messages that were periodically sent to the faculty at Brigham Young University by former academic vice president John S. Tanner. Tanner’s words reflect his years of experience as a scholar, an administrator, and a disciple, addressing with characteristic insight, wisdom, and with an impressive range of topics from the seemingly mundane to the inspiring. This book is enhanced by the evocative art of Brian Kershisnik.

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The King James Bible and the Restoration

Edited by Kent P. Jackson

The King James translation of the Bible celebrated its four-hundredth anniversary in 2011. This historic text has had a greater impact on the world than any other book in the English language. It is still in print today, four centuries since it first came off the London presses. This is not a book solely about the history of the King James Bible and its contributions to the world in general. Its primary goal is to shed light on the intersection of the King James translation and Mormonism—hence the title. In important ways, the King James Bible was one of the contributors to the founding of the Latter-day Saint faith, and it has continued to play a significant role in its history to the present time, even in lands where English is not the spoken language.

**The Things Which My Father Saw: Approaches to Lehi’s Dream and Nephi’s Vision**

Edited by Daniel L. Belnap, Gaye Strathearn, and Stanley A. Johnson

A dark and dreary waste, a man in a shining robe, a rod of iron, and a tree of life—these symbols evoke powerful images in our minds and deepen our appreciation for the Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ. The 2011 Sperry Symposium volume explores the rich symbolism of Lehi’s dream and Nephi’s vision, placing such symbols as the mists of darkness, the great and spacious building, and the church of the Lamb of God in the context of the last days. By introducing new perspectives to a familiar account, this volume offers a stirring reminder of the implications for Latter-day Saints.

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Roger P. Minert

This volume is filled with fascinating stories of members of the LDS Church in West Germany and Austria during World War II. Learn about the conditions the German Saints faced during World War II. They did not have access to the many conveniences American Saints took for granted—including local Church leaders, clean places to meet, cars, and temples. Germany was one of the war fronts where homes were destroyed and friends and families were killed. Unlike American soldiers returning to their homes, nearly half of the German Saints had no home to which to return. Hundreds of them served in the German military, while thousands more stayed home and endeavored to keep their families and the Church alive. Their stories of joy and suffering are presented in this book. Readers will be touched by the faith and dedication shown by these Saints—young and old, military and civilian.

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Edited by Scott C. Esplin and Kenneth L. Alford

For more than 150 years, “Come, Come, Ye Saints,” the anthem of the pioneer journey, has praised Salt Lake City as “the place which God for us prepared.” This new book from Brigham Young University’s Religious Studies Center discusses the fulfillment of that poetic longing. The sixteenth in a series of regional studies on Latter-day Saint Church history, it contains a collection of essays by faculty members in the Department of Church History and Doctrine discussing Salt Lake’s place in our sacred story. Topics include histories of significant landmarks, stories from the city’s past, and discussions of Church organizations. The reader will see connections between the revelations of Joseph Smith and Salt Lake City as a modern city of Zion, the place, indeed, where the Saints have been blessed.


Joseph Smith’s Translation of the Bible: Electronic Library
Edited by Scott H. Faulring and Kent P. Jackson

Joseph Smith’s Translation of the Bible: Electronic Library brings together a wealth of information and recent scholarship on Joseph Smith’s translation of the Bible. The Electronic Library also includes images and transcriptions of every page of the original manuscripts and of the earliest copies made from those manuscripts, as well as a collection of recently published studies based on the manuscripts. Each manuscript is preceded by a short introductory essay. This collection also includes the entire 851-page book Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible: Original Manuscripts, edited by Scott H. Faulring, Kent P. Jackson, and Robert J. Matthews. This powerful tool enables its users to view the transcriptions, images, and printed texts either individually or side-by-side in any order, with full capacity to search each text.

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The BYU Easter Conference
Scheduled for Saturday, 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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Editorial Intern

Nyssa Silvester is a junior from El Dorado Hills, California. Though she has always had a penchant for grammar and usage, she did not start studying literature until she came to BYU, where she is now working toward a degree in English. Now in the English major, she finds particular interest in literary theory and postcolonial studies. In addition, Nyssa spends her spare time serving as a developmental editor at *Leading Edge*, a publication for speculative fiction. She started editing for the Religious Studies Center in April 2011 and hopes to continue until she graduates in April 2013. Nyssa lives in Provo with her husband, Neal, and cat, Tzeitel.

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Art Morrill is a senior from New Brunswick, Canada. Some of his earliest memories consist of sitting at the kitchen table with paper and markers. This led him to pursue a bachelor of fine arts in studio arts with an emphasis in painting and drawing. He is also obtaining certification to teach K-12 art classes. Eventually, he hopes to teach at a university or high-school level while continuing his own art practice. Aside from painting and drawing, Art enjoys playing the guitar, hiking, woodworking, and skateboarding. But most especially he enjoys wrestling with his kids. He currently resides in Provo, Utah, with his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Hyrum and Jude.
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