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When the Prophet Joseph said, "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts than by any other book", I'm sure he was stating an eternal truth, and as such, we should be placing more emphasis as missionaries. in the Book of Mormon. If the Book of Mormon is the keystone of our religion, then without a personal and living testimony of its veracity and the message it gives to the world, we cannot be effective teachers of the message of the restoration. If the Book of Mormon is true-and I know it is--then Joseph Smith is a true prophet and was chosen. to help restore the Church of Jesus Christ upon the earth.

If we can get nearer to God by abiding by the precepts contained in the Book of Mormon, it seems to me we should not only live by its teachings, but use these beautiful precepts to help convert those golden families and golden individuals that are honestly seeking the truths that will bring them closer to God and provide eternal salvation and exaltation.

As missionaries representing our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we are responsible in seeing that the message contained in the Book of Mormon is taken to the wonderful people of Guatemala and El Salvador. Conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ comes through the Book of Mormon. Our investigators must therefore read, ponder and pray about the message contained therein. If we but will testify with all our might and conviction to the truthfullness of the Book of Mormon, we will be telling our investigators that:

- 1.0 Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- 2. Joseph Smith was called of God.
- 3. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Kingdom 🔞 of God on earth.

Our message is just as simple as that, and what more is needed! The world has the Bible, but it is evident from the confusion found in Christendom today that they do not have all the answers. We know the Book of Mormon is the Word of God, and the Lord's Church is once again on the earth today, being directed by modern-day prophets who receive direct and constant revelation.

What a beautiful and impelling message we have for the world. Let us see that we do our part with joy and thanksgiving, making every moment of our missions productive and effective.

May the Lord bless us abundantly to this end. Victoria de Maria de

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Faithfully yours, Glade Glade

Dear Companions,

"But behold, there shall be many—at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them, that I may remember my covenants which I have made unto the children of men, that I may set my hand to recover my people, which are of the house of Israel:

"And also, that I may remember the promises which I have made unto thee, Nephi, and also unto thy father, that I would remember your seed; and that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of my mouth unto your seed; and my words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth, for a standard unto my people, which are of the house of Israel;

"And bacause my words shall hiss forth--many of the Gentiles shall say: A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible." 2 Nephi 29:1-3

What are those words which have hissed forth causing many to say: "A Bible! A Bible"? Of course, the Book of Mormon.

A speaker at the LTM, a staunch advocate of the Book of Mormon as a missionary tool, told the story of an encounter which he had with a former student, who had since returned from a mission. In response to a question, the returned missionary stated that he always used the Bible to make his points, this being a book accepted and understood by all. With indignation in his eyes, pointing his finger at the returned missionary, came his reply: "You mean you weren't a hissing missionary?!! How can the word of the Lord hiss forth if the missionaries don't teach with the Book of Mormon?" As the speaker told this part of the story, he pointed his finger at the missionaries of the LTM and asked the same question. Those missionaries left that meeting fully resolved to be 'hissing' missionaries.

In reality, that speaker was very right, for the Book of Mormon is synonymous with the word of the Lord which is to go forth in the last day. That word is the message which we as missionaries are to carry and that message consists of three points: The divine sonship of Jesus Christ, the divine mission of Joseph Smith; and the divinity of the Church. The Book of Mormon is the method ordained of God to establish and preach this message, for the Book of Mormon "shall make it known to all kindreds, tongues, and people that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of the world, and that all men must come unto him, or they cannot be saved"; and the Book of Mormon proves to the world "that God does inspire men and call them to His holy work in this age and generation, as well as in generation of old"; and finally, in the Book of Mormon "are all things written concerning the foundation of my church." The words of the Book of Mormon are, then, identically the message which missionaries are ordained to carry to the ends of the world. Is it strange that the Lord has said, "And again, the elders, priests and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel, which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel"? And is it any wonder that Elder McConkie has enfatically stated, "Teach the Book of Mormon:"?

The Book of Mormon is the one and only way to teach the gospel in this dispensation. We must be careful not to place the Book of Mormon in a subservient role as suplementary reading, but we must use it as intended, realizing that the plan is designed to render an auxiliary service. May we all understand the Book of Mormon, that the word of the Lord may indeed hiss forth unto the ends of the world.

Sincerely, Foul (eres Elder Paul Jerry Fellow Missionaries,

"The importance of the Book of Mormon to the missionary lies in the fact that the supreme purpose of both the missionary and the Book of Mormon is to bring souls to Christ, to convince Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ. From beginning to end, the Book of Mormon convincingly testified to his divinity." Marion G. Romney

The Book of Mormon is receiving more and more stress in the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission; stress that should have never been withdrawn. As I think back and study my notes taken in the mission home in Salt 3 Lake, I can see that it was there that the General Authorities first tried to make us feel the urgency of preaching the Book of Mormon.

The Book of Mormon is unique and makes us as a people, unique. It is one thing that sets us apart from the many sects in the world and is also perhaps the best tool with which we have to work as missionaries. We should have a very special and close relationship with the Book of Mormon, for, as President Romney pointed out, we share the same calling. Many, many are the witnesses of Christ given by the Book of Mormon prophets and it is our duty to carry on their work, delivering the messages that they offered and also bearing our testimonies that He lives and has established His kingdom upon the earth.

We as missionaries should study and follow the exemplary lives of those prophets of old and learn from their wisdom and warning. The Book of Mormon is full of instructions concerning the great fundamental virtues and we are the vehicles by which these virtues reach the chosen families.

Today, as it has always been, the great over-all struggle in the world is for the souls of men. Every soul, particularly the missionary, is personally engaged in the struggle. May we come away from this battle, this struggle for souls, even as victorious as the great Moroni of old, using the same cunning, strategy, determination, and courage as he and all the Lord's faithful servants, that we also may fulfill our assignment in this eternal conquest with dignity.

Sincerely yours,

Elder Randy Jeel

"We Latter-day Saints accept the Book of Mormon as the word of God. We have the assurance that the Lord placed the stamp of approval upon it at the time of the translation, and spoke with his own voice to the witnesses, and commanded them to bear record of it in all the world. The word of the Lord means more to me than anything else. I place it before the teachings of men. The truth is the thing which will last. All the theory, philosophy and wisdom of the wise that is not in harmony with revealed truth from God will perish. They must change and pass away, and they are changing and passing away constantly, but when the Lord speaks, that is eternal truth on which we may rely."

EL DESAFIO DEL LIBRO DE MORMON

Hay que cumplir con las siguientes treinta condiciones para producir un registro similar bajo condiciones comparables:

- 1. Escriba usted una historia de una antigua civilización como El Tibet desde el año 2200 A.C. hasta 400 años D.C.
- 2. Inclúyanse las historias de dos naciones distintas y separadas junto con las historias de diferentes pueblos contemporáneos.
- 3. Describa su vida social, económica, religiosa y también sus instituciones políticas y culturales.
- 4. Introduzca en esta historia la religión de Jesucristo y el modo verdadero de la vida cristiana.
- 5. Usted tiene solamente 23 años de edad.
- 6. No tiene más de tres años de instrucción primaria.
- 7. Comience ahora y produzca este registro que abarca 2600 años en un período de 60 días.
- Esta historia no puede ser corta, sino larga--aún 520 páginas,
 525 palabras en cada página.
- Jamás puede hacer una declaración que sea absurda, imposible o contradictoria.
- Cuando termine en 60 días, no puede cambiar o alterar nada de texto. La primera edición tiene que permanecer para siempre.
- Tiene que proclamar que su "narración suave" no es ficticia, sino historia sagrada y verdadera.
- 12. Tiene que invitar a los eruditos y expertos más competentes para que examinen cuidadosamente el Texto; también tiene que procurar diligentemente que su libro llegue a las manos de todos aquellos que estén más deseosos de probarlo ser una falsedad.
- 13. Tiene que escribir esta historia a base de lo que sabe ahora mismo.
- Tiene que publicarla a toda nación, tribu, lengua, y pueblo, declarando que es la palabra de Dios.
- 15. Tiene que incluir en el registro mismo la siguiente maravillosa, única y peligrosa promesa: "Y cuando recibáis estas cosas, quisiera exhortaros a que preguntaseis a Dios el Eterno Padre, en el nombre de Cristo, si no son verdaderas estas cosas; y si pedís con un corazón sincero, con verdadera intención, teniendo fe en Cristo, él os manifestará la verdad de ellas por el poder del Espíritu Santo; Y por el poder del Espíritu Santo podréis conocer la verdad de todas las cosas."
- 16. Su libro tiene que cumplir profecías bíblicas, hasta en la manera exacta en que saldrá a la luz, a quien será dado, propósitos y realizaciones.
- 17. El conocimiento de la cultura de estas civilizaciones no es conocido al tiempo en que se proclama este registro.

- 18. Muchos de los hechos, ideas y declaraciones dados como verdaderos en su registro tienen que ser inconsistentes y hasta directamente opuestos a las creencias prevalencientes del mundo. Ni siquiera se reclama saber mucho de esta civilización y su historia de 2600 años.
- 19. La investigación completa, evidencia científica y descubrimientos arqueológicos durante los años siguientes tienen que confirmar las exposiciones del libro y comprobar aún los detalles más minuciosos.
- 20. Después de análisis extenso de 140 años, ninguna reclamación o declaración del libro podrá ser comprobada falsa; al contrario, todo tendrá que ser vindicado. Todas las demás teorías e ideas en cuanto a su origen van y vienen dejando solamente la reclamación suya como la única posible.
- 21. No puede existir ningun error en el libro entero.
- 22. Evidencias y profecías internas tienen que confirmarse y la lace cumplirse dentro de los 140 años siguientes.
- 23. Tres testigos honestos y acreditados tienen que testificar al mundo que un ángel del cielo se les apareció y les mostró los registros antiguos de los cuales usted reclama procede su libro traducido.
- 24. Estos tres hombres tocan y palpan los registros y los grabados antiguos en ellos.
- 25. Tiene que llamar desde el cielo la voz del Redentor para declarar a estos tres hombres que el registro es verdadero y que la responsabilidad es de ellos de dar testimonio del libro--y lo hacen.
- 26. Otros ocho, en la plena luz del día, tienen que testificar al mundo que vieron y palparon los antiguos registros y los grabados.
- 27. Todos estos testigos tienen que dar su testimonio no sólo sin ganancia o recompensa, pero bajo gran sacrificio personal y bajo severa persecución, aún hasta la muerte.
- 28. Miles de grandes hombres, prodigiosos intelectos, y eruditos tienen que suscribirse para ser discípulos del mensaje de este registro y su causa, hasta el punto de dar sus vidas.
- Usted tiene que añadir 180 sustantivos propios al idioma inglés.
 Shakespeare añadió 30.
- 30. Docenas de millares de personas tienen que testifir al mundo por los siguientes 140 años, que <u>saben</u> que el libro es verdadero porque probaron la promesa y hallaron que es verdadera--la veracidad les fue manifestada por el poder del Espíritu Santo.
- 31. Usted tiene que comparacer ante los tribunales de la tierra más de 33 veces y ser declarado inocente cada vez. Después de sufrir persecución y ultraje e insulto por los 20 años próximos, usted tiene que dar su propia vida voluntariamente por su testimonio que el registro es de Dios.

ARRIBA. SE PUBLICO AL MUNDO EN EL AÑO 1830 COMO UNA TRADUCCION POR EL PROFETA JOSE SMITH DE UN REGISTRO ANTIGUO DE ANTIGUA AMERICA. ¿LO HA LEIDO USTED?

HOW CAN THE SCRIPTURES BE USED TO ESTABLISH THE TRUTH OF YOUR MESSAGE?

A. BIBLE

This volume contains the letter of the gospel. In it is the <u>blueprint</u> outlining the essential features of the Church or kingdom itself. In it is the <u>map</u> charting one's course to eternal life. But without an inspired interpretation, Christions have been unable to read the blueprint or follow the map.

- B. BOOK OF MORMON
- Josph Smith said: "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get hearer to God by abiding its precepts. than by any other book." (History of the Church, vol. 4, p. 461.) The Lord has given us the Book of Mormon to prove the truth of the message of the restoration. "...God ministered unto him by an holy angel, whose countenance was as lightning, and whose garments were pure and white above all other whiteness; And gave unto him commandments which inspired him; And gave him power from on high, by the means which were before prepared, to translate the Book of Mormon; Which contains a record of a fallen people, and the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and to the Jews also; Which was given by inspiration, and is confirmed to others by the ministering of angels, and is declared unto the world by them--Proving to the world that the holy scriptures are true, and that God does inspire men and call them to his holy work in this age and generation, as well as in generations of old; Thereby showing that he is the same God yesterday, today, and forever. Amen. (D&C 20:6-12) This volume contains the letter and breathes the spirit of the gospel. Those who read it according to Moroni's pattern, get a persona! revelation from the Holy Ghost that it is true. If the Book of Mormon is true, then:

(1) Jesus Christ is the Son of God, for that book is a witness of him.

(2) Joseph Smith is a prophet, for he received the book from a resurrected personage and translated it by the gift and power of God. And if the Book of Mormon came by revelation which included the ministering of angels, then obviously Joseph Smith also received the other revelations and was ministered to by other heavenly beings. Among those revelations was the command to organize the Church.

(3) The Church is thus the one true Church because it was set up a prophet acting under command of God.

Thus the truth of the Message of the Restoration is established in and through and by means of the Book of Mormon.

- C. CENTER THE ATTENTION OF INVESTIGATORS IN THE BOOK OF MORMON.

 For instance: Introduce a gospel subject from the New Testament and then do the actual teaching out of the Book of Mormon.

 Example: Introduce what men must do to be saved by quoting Acts 2: 37-39, and then teach the doctrine in a better and more effective way by using such Book of Mormon passages as 2 Ne 31 and 3 Ne 27:19-21.
- D. USE THE BOOK OF MORMON TO FIND INVESTIGATORS.

 Present your message to a non-member, and then bear this testimony:

 "The reason I know this is true is because of the Book of Mormon."

 Use every honorable means to interest people in and get them to read the book. If they do so in the proper way, they will gain a knowledge of its truth and be in line to join the Church.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION How To Distribute Book of Mormon

The following are suggestions brought up in Session #5 of the Semi-Annual District Leaders Conference concerning methods of distributing the Book of Mormon to larger quantities of good, prospective members of the Church. It is hoped that the list, although certainly not an exhaustive one, will provide several ideas to begin an effective program.

On of the first ideas presented was the Book of Mormon Street Display. Variations on it could be selling the Book in the street, putting it on display not only on the street but at places such as football games, etc. A Display on Wheels (using a van, pick-up, car, etc.) was also suggested.

Tracting with the Book could also be effective. This could be do e by each companion pair, the district, the zone, or even as a mutual group or with "I Care" families. The books could be financed through dances, dinners, or other activities. Members could give or mail it as a gift.

Copies of The Book of Mormon could be placed in School and Public Libraries, mailed to civic leaders, placed in hotels, hospitals, military posts, clubs, or other organizations. (prisons, study groups, etc.)

Articles about the book could be put in newspapers. A pageant or some kind of production about "Christ In America" or other phase of the story, could be presented on television or in theaters, etc.

A Book of Mormon "Familia Unida" could be formed. Perhaps a member group might be organized (Lamanite Generation, etc.)

The book could be sold in bookstores, Book of Mormon T-shirts could be printed up and sold, and even bumper stickers such as "Yo reo el Libro de Mormón" or "Yo soy Lamanita. ¿Y usted?" could be printed and distributed.

It should be repeated that this list is not an exhaustive one. It should serve to get an effective program started, but creativity and new ideas are certainly encouraged.

QUOTES OF MODERN PROPHETS ON THE BOOK OF MORMON

Let us take the Book of Mormon, which a man took and hid in his field, securing it by his faith, to spring up in the last days, or in due time; let us behold it coming forth out of the ground, which is indeed accounted the least of all seeds, but behold it branching forth, yea, even towering, with lofty branches, and God-like majesty, until it, like the mustard seed, becomes the greatest of all herbs. And it is truth, and it has sprouted and come forth out of the earth, and righteousness begins to look down from heaven and God is sending down His powers, gifts and angels, to lodge in the branches thereof.

--- JOSEPH SMITH JR.

"My witness to all the world is that this book is true. I have read it many, many times. I have not read it enough. It still contains truths that I still may seek and find, for I have not mastered it, but I know it is true."



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