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The Angel Moroni

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Abstract: Quotes Revelation 14:6-8 and explains that Moroni was the angel who held the keys of the gospel and came to earth in the latter days to commit them to Joseph Smith. Gives a biographical outline of Moroni's mortal life and discusses his latter-day work in bringing the Book of Mormon to light.

though we find them as regular as if marked out with a compass. These curves are intended only for utility, but still are as even as the artist's "line of beauty." The surveyor may never think of it, but all curves properly constructed

will be found to be beautiful in their regularity. These facts may enable us to state a proposition for future guidance. Beauty and utility combine to show that a curved line marks the natural course of locomotion in all animals. T.

THE ANGEL MORONI.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying, with a loud voice, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come.' * * * And then followed another angel, saying, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen—that great city—because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'" Rev. xiv., 6, 7, 8. When the gospel referred to by John was committed unto the children of men in the first century of the Christian era, it was not by the ministration of an angel, but through the personal advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, not only in the land of Judea, but also in America, and other lands which at that time were unknown to the inhabitants of Europe, Asia, or Africa. When this gospel had been taught for some twenty years after the crucifixion of the Savior, John beheld in vision, on the Isle of Patmos, the complete overthrow of the Church, the martyrdom of the Apostles and many of the Saints, and the Priesthood, with its powers, ordinances and blessings, caught up into heaven. This vision, looking down through the dark vista of time, reached the dispensation of the "fulness of times," when John beheld "Another angel," who held the keys of the gospel, to commit to man—even the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which, when once more delivered to mankind, would be followed by the establishing of the kingdom of God and the Millennial reign.

This angel, whose name is Moroni,

has come. His first visit was on the night of September, 21, 1823. On the morning of September, 22, 1827, he delivered the plates of the Book of Mormon, containing the fulness of the everlasting gospel, with the Urim and Thummim, to Joseph Smith, who translated them by the power of God and published them to the world. Following these events, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized with six members. Zion began to flourish, and soon, in the Temple erected to the name of the Lord, in Kirtland, the glory and resplendent light of the countenance of God and His holy prophets, who held the keys of the former dispensations, were made manifest; angels ministered to many, visions, in all their heavenly splendor and intelligence, burst upon the assembled Priesthood, and the voice of Jehovah was heard in that house, erected to his name in this nineteenth century, April 3, 1836.

This angel Moroni lived in the flesh in the ending of the fourth century and for some twenty years of the fifth century. He was the son of General Mormon, who made the abridgement of the plates of Nephi, and called it the "Book of Mormon." Moroni was present at the great battle of Cumorah, in the State of New York, and was general over ten thousand troops. He witnessed the entire destruction of the people called in the Book of Mormon "Nephites." Just previous to this great and last battle, General Mormon, who held all the sacred writings the Liahonah, the Urim and Thummim, or interpreters, as they were called, and

the plates of the Book of Mormon, deposited all these things, excepting the plates, in the hill Ramah, or, as the Nephites called it, Cumorah. Moroni lived thirty-five years after this great battle, which took place in the year of the Christian era 385.

The plates of gold which General Mormon in his day, by the command of the Lord, prepared, for the purpose of an abridged account, or history, from the plates of Nephi, were not entirely filled up, and during the thirty-five years Moroni held them in his possession he filled them up with a translation of the twenty-four plates which Limhi's people found, which consists of the "Book of Ether" in the Book of Mormon, and contains a history of the Jaredites, who came from the great Tower just before the confusion of the language and dispersion of the people. He also added to these plates two letters, containing important doctrinal points, which were written to him by his father, Mormon,

some years previous to Mormon's death, and other valuable writings. Moroni closes up these plates in the year 420 of the Christian era, and deposits them in a stone box, along with the Urim and Thummim and a golden breast plate. He then buried them several feet under the earth in the side of the Hill Cumorah, where they remained for fourteen centuries. Moroni is the guardian of that sacred hill, whose treasure and sacred writings in due time will be revealed.

Fifty-two years have now passed since the first of those records was brought forth, and the time is near when that other angel which John saw will make his proclamation, and the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. Let glory, power and dominion be ascribed unto God and the Lamb, for ever and ever, and the earth rejoice at the sound of the gospel proclamation of the angel Moroni, and prepare for the coming of our Lord.

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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations will be held in Salt Lake City during the General Conference in April.

A general attendance of officers and members is desired. County officers are particularly requested to be present, and where it is impossible for them to attend personally, they will please instruct a suitable representative.

Report blanks are ready and will be distributed immediately. The Associations will please fill up the report blanks as completely as possible and return them to the Stake Superintendents, who are requested to forward their County reports to this city by April 1.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The regular quarterly conference of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Associations of Box Elder County was held Sunday evening, Jan. 25, at Brigham City.

After the usual opening exercises, President Thomas H. Wilde stated the object of the meeting was principally to receive verbal reports from the different Associations.

The following then reported their Associations: E. A. Box, Oscar Dunn, Brigham Tippets, John Bott, Brigham City; John Peters, Three Mile Creek; Dan Jensen, Honeyville.

Superintendent Wilde recommended that the inter-missionary labor among the Associations should be continued. Thought the reports, as far as given, were of a very encouraging nature. After making some remarks concerning