

Session 3 - Origins of the LDS Church

Resource Guide

"If we have the truth, it cannot be harmed by investigation.
If we have not the truth, it ought to be harmed."

- President J. Reuben Clark, LDS Church

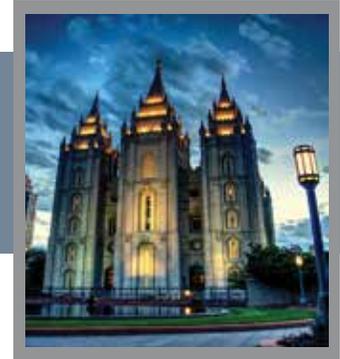


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"Our whole strength rests on the validity of that [first] vision. It either occurred or it did not occur. If it did not, then this work is a fraud. If it did, then it is the most important and wonderful work under the heavens." - President Gordon B. Hinckley

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"In light of this evidence, there can be no doubt as to the possession of a vividly strong, creative imagination by Joseph Smith, the Prophet, an imagination, it could with reason be urged, which, given the suggestions that are found in the 'common knowledge' of accepted American antiquities of the times, supplemented by such a work as **Ethan Smith's View of the Hebrews** [published in Palmyra in 1825], it would make it possible for him to create a book such as the Book of Mormon is.
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