

The

TRUTH

TRUTH IS KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS AS THEY ARE AND AS THEY WERE, AND AS THEY ARE TO COME

about



JOHN W. WOOLLEY



LORIN C. WOOLLEY

and

The Council of Friends

"YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

"There is a mental attitude which is a bar against all information, which is a bar against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. That mental attitude is CONDEMNATION BEFORE INVESTIGATION."

JOHN W. WOOLLEY, LORIN C. WOOLLEY

and

The Great High Priesthood Council,

THE COUNCIL OF FRIENDS

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MEMBERSHIP IN COUNCIL OF FRIENDS

Among the leading spirits whom the Lord set around the Prophet John Taylor, as the 19th Century anti-Mormon crusades increased, were John W. Woolley and Lorin C. Woolley, his son. Both had been ordained apostles -- special witnesses of the resurrected Christ, though they sat in no quorum of Apostles in the Church. As the 20th Century ushered in, both had long since had their Apostleship completed, each one having attained that righteousness to be ordained by the Saviour personally.¹

John W. Woolley, having received the blessing from Patriarch Joseph Smith, Sr., that he would "be called the Lord's Anointed",² literally became that chosen vessel through whom 'the Lord God does nothing' on earth until he reveals His will.³ (As the man thus holding the Keys of the Priesthood on the earth, he was also the ordained head of the Council of Friends in all the world -- that Council which God thru Joseph Smith re-established on the earth to control all priesthood, both in and out of His Church.⁴

(His successor to the Keys of the Priesthood was Lorin C. Woolley, John W. Woolley having passed the portals of this life December 13, 1928.) After John W. Woolley's death, he, as a resurrected being commanded by God the Eternal Father, came to Lorin Woolley several times, revealing the names of each of the subsequent members of the Council of Friends, following the same pattern the prophets had followed before them.⁵

1. See *The Keys of The Priesthood, Illustrated*, pp. 144, 147, 220-1, 281.

2. *Ibid.* p. 220.

3. *Amos* 3:7.

4. *The Keys of The Priesthood, Illustrated*, pp. 43-75, 219-221.

5. *Journal Notes* 175:3.

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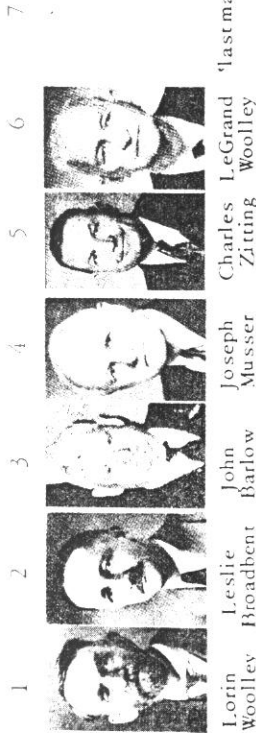
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The following gives the corresponding dates of their ordinations:

	<i>Date of ordination:</i>
J. Leslie Broadbent	Mar. 1929. ³
John Y. Barlow	Mar. 1929.
Joseph W. Musser	May, 1929.
Charles Zitting	July 1929
LeGrand Woolley	July 1929.
'last man'(still living)	June 1933.

The Council of Friends among the Gentiles then stood as follows:



HOW MEN ARE CHOSEN INTO COUNCIL OF FRIENDS

An important principle is illustrated in the account of the calling of the last man into the above Council. Lorin C. Woolley had insisted that this last man chosen by heaven was too young and inexperienced, and that Daniel R. Bate-man should be called instead. An angel who came to Lorin C. Woolley to answer his request, severely chastened and strictly reminded him that mortals do not do the choosing of the members of this council.¹ All appointments, he was instructed, were made solely by the corresponding council in heaven. Joseph Smith referred to this principle which regulates this Council, as follows:

1. *Journal Notes 50:50* and *misc. Notes.* 3. *JN 10:1; 37,* etc.

"I spent the day ... in council with General James Adams of Springfield, Patriarch Hyrum Smith, Bishops Newel K. Whitney and George Miller, and President Brigham Young and Elders Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, instructing them in the principles and order of the Priesthood ... In this council was instituted the ancient order of things for the first time in these last days. ... ALL these THINGS referred to IN THIS COUNCIL are ALWAYS GOVERNED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF REVELATION."

(*HC. 5:1-2, 4 May 1842*)

Lorin C. Woolley further explained this principle and said that no man could be called into the Council of Friends unless a resurrected being from the council in heaven, on the other side of the veil, came to the man holding the Keys of the Priesthood, commanding him which persons to call into that council.² When the writers visited the last man Lorin Woolley called into the Council of Friends, he verified that Brother Woolley instructed them in this manner. This 'last man' verified this pattern to us on several occasions and explained that this pattern was well understood by all of the Council members, and was not a vague or unclear principle known by only one or two of them, for it had been discussed among them many times, Lorin Woolley making it very clear.³

According to the 'last man' called thru Lorin C. Woolley, LeGrand Woolley hesitated to accept him when his name was presented by Lorin C. Woolley. LeGrand said he was too young, but Lorin Woolley nonetheless asked if he would accept. He did agree to the ordination, making the Council unanimous in accepting the nomination of God.⁴ The 'last man' said that Lorin C. Woolley told them that in this dispensation, the Council of Friends had always been unanimous on these decisions.⁵

2. *JN, ibid.* 3. *JN 175:4.* 4. *JN 175:1-2.* 5. *JN 175:16.*