

Dear Bro. Hales,

11-10-93

Thank you very much to
~~my~~ the response I received from you.

I feel quite duty bound at the
outset to send my deepest and most
heart felt apologies for apparently
seeming "contentious, bitter, or uncharitable."

I have since reread my letter and
though I apparently was a bit
'Attitudinal' I most certainly did
not want to let it get out of hand
and am sorry if I were perceived
in that way. I to find myself in
a quandry. I used to be accused
of being too cold, clinical, and
unemotional - so now when I
express myself "passionately" I
am accused of "anger, malice,
bitterness, ect." So I acknowledge
I may have treated you inappropriately
and am sorry!

As for the content, I cannot
apologize as I feel only a purveyor
of the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ as it was revealed to Joseph
Smith.

29-9-11 I also apologize for my Chicken Scratch I call handwriting. I am working on obtaining a computer so I may be more legible, but it is still several months till then.

I do have an issue on 'Contention' anyway. I am generally quiet, and soft spoken. Yet, I had an experience ~~at~~ which taught me quite a lesson. My Bishop called me in not long ago to "straighten me out" on Gospel Issues. Previously he commanded me saying I "must accept that the Gospel is an eternally changing Gospel and that God is an eternally changing God and if I don't accept that I will find myself out of the Church". So I knew we were not going to see too many things eye to eye. So I opted to remain silent as possible. He was "Heated and Vigorous" to be mild and lit right into me. He began to review "The Points of Doctrinal Purity" to which I could not have been more agreeable. Pounding his desk and threatening me, people outside heard him. I would ask him to go over some scriptures with me and his

Response would be "They mean nothing!"
 "We have no need of them!" Then he would
 pound on the Manifesto to which ~~to~~ I
 said "If it was a Revelation From God
 why would Wilford Woodruff ordain people
 to carry plural marriage on secretly
 in defiance of God, Government and
 the Church?" To which he pounded
 his desk and literally swore "your
 just being contentious, your full of contention
 and the Devil!"

When I bore my testimony of Joseph
 Smith and Brigham Young he retorted
 "I don't care what prophecy, scripture
 or Revelation come from them - they
 mean nothing to me!" I was shocked
 and appalled by what I heard and
 when I came out my wife was
 worried as the color had left my
 face.

I wrote a letter to the 1st Pres.
 asking that he at least be corrected
 on the "Changing God" doctrine - Guess
 what - They sustained him and wrote
 my stake Pres to 'deal with me.' They
 certainly had grounds.