Will greatly appreciate your carefully reading the enclosed. Will then appreciate your comments and criticisms.

Very truly,

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Leroy A. Wilson.
Much is being written and said about this man. His son has recently caricatured him as an irresponsible jumping jack flitting from Mexico to Canada in a will-o'-the-wisp manner. He is portrayed as a spell-binding orator and a heart-smashing lothario. He married widows because they could not resist his charms and they stayed with him through hell and high water because they loved him. He made rash prophecies to yokels and took chances that some of them would be fulfilled and others gazed over by men and women he had charmed. He defied the authorities of his Church because he felt greater than they and because he was a fire-eating rebel.

It is clear that one must go to other than his children for a true picture of this man. Was he great or was he a victim of circumstances?

John W. Taylor was the son of a great man. There can be no question about that. His father, John Taylor, was a man of high character and a student, possessed of remarkable spiritual development. I have personally met several of his sons and not one of them is a rogue. They are men of character and stability. Some of them are plain men in plain occupations but they are characterized by integrity. Their words are taken without question. This seems to be a Taylor characteristic.

Without plural marriage, John W. Taylor would not be remembered. It is this circumstance which makes him stand out above his brothers. They lined up with the Church and if they knew and felt differently they concealed it, save possibly to a few trusted friends.

In like manner John W. Taylor was loyal to his Church. He would have gladly given his life for it. It was born and bred into him. It was a part of his soul. He regarded it as the sole true Church of Christ on earth. To loyal Mormons there is only one true Church and all others are the churches of the devil.

The idea caused this loyal man to oppose his brethren in authority in the Church? Surely it must have been some unusual conviction for John W. Taylor's life up to that time was too convincing of his integrity and his devotion to his Church to argue that he suddenly became evil or rebellious.

What makes lovely women of high character stick with a man through the trials and vicissitudes John W. Taylor took these women through? They were ostracized, not only from their church but from society. They were subjected to poverty and hiding from the law. They remained faithful even though of an age at his death when many women remarry. Why did none of these wives remarry after his death? And even before his death they could have left him at any time and had both the law, society and their church justify them and help them to remarry and find happier homes according to the standards of this world.

To get the answer we must go way back in history, at least as far back as Father Abraham, for all Christians must stem their faith and their standards from this man whom God honored above all men of his day and proclaimed as the father of the faithful. Jesus likewise honored Abraham and referred to him as the father of the faithful.
God Almighty made a remarkable promise to Father Abraham. Nowhere else in holy writ has such a promise been made to exemplary God-fearing men. It is distinctive and very unusual. God promised Abraham that "in thee and thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

Now, I am sure that God does not make irresponsible promises. I am equally sure He doesn't blurt out great promises on the spur of the moment, for history and the universe about us teach us that God is a god of careful design and planning. The new cosmology proves Him to be a CREATOR, for the phenomena of the universe cannot be explained save on the thesis that new material, the building blocks of the Universes, is being CREATED, seemingly out of nowhere, proving God to be just what He proclaims himself to be—a CREATOR. This is what distinguishes gods from lesser men, for the gods are glorified men who have become creators.

Students of history have tried to prove this promise fulfilled but they fail flat. The chosen seed of Father Abraham, were, according to Holy Writ, confined to Isaac's seed and later to Jacob's seed, and there is good evidence from this same authority that this seed was further narrowed to the descendants of Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin.

While it is true that some of this chosen seed has remained on this earth, scattered among a few nations, it is equally true that most of the tribes of Israel left this planet and have become lost. The Prophet Isaiah (13th chapter) declares they will return from "the ends of Heaven" and the Prophet Joseph stated they were on another planet, and would return. Section 133 proclaims this great event also. The Prophet John W. Taylor, under inspiration, stated they would come from the earth and would camp at Cardston long enough to help the Saints there raise great crops of grain to send to the starving Saints in the Rockies.

Few of the races of mankind, which make up the great bulk of the population of this earth, show the characteristics of the seed of Abraham. This chosen seed was to be faithful to the true gospel and were to be civilizers and builders and establish the standards of God's society and government. We have not seen these markings among the majority of the nations of this earth. Therefore, this promise to Father Abraham has failed unless we can find its fulfillment in some other way.

Abraham was a polygamist, but he was a peculiar sort of polygamist. Many peoples of the earth have lived and do now live polygamy but the trend is away from this practice instead of toward it. Father Abraham not only had wives but he set a high standard for this relation. He apparently was an old man, as years go, when he entered the principle and only then did so because of revelation and commandment. This distinguished him from other polygamists. Other men take wives for various reasons. Some may feel the sexual urge and do not care to have relations with less women. Others may find it an economic advantage. Some men may attract more than one woman because of their superior qualities of wealth. Lotharinos and Amoses, however, do not make good polygamists. Women may become attracted to them momentarily but they do not stay with such men. Such attractions are never permanent. Love is never permanent. It wanes with the years no matter how strong the love at the beginning. Men and women must find stronger bonds than either sex or love to make such marriages last. Sealed do they survive to the end of this life, and even the Christian marriage proclaims it only until "death do us part".
But Abraham took wives because God commanded it and revealed the principle to him.

When Jesus Christ, who proclaimed himself to be the Son of God, and in His image, and for which the Canaanites murdered him, visited this earth He honored father Abraham and told this wicked people that were they Abraham’s seed they would do the WORKS of Abraham. He further stated: “Ye are the children of your father the devil, who was a liar and a murderer, and whose works ye do.”

When Joseph Smith was called of God to be a prophet to the house of Israel in these Latter Days he understood little about the gospel of the eternities. He had to be educated by revelation. Now, had he made those revelations up from his mind they would never have contained some of the startling things we find in them. Joseph Smith was happily married to Emma Hale. He worshipped her and was fanatically in love with her. Remember, he was only 36 years of age when killed by just as ignorant and murderous a mob as the Canaanite mob which killed Jesus, so that when he received most of the revelations published in the Mormon Doctrine and Covenants he was a young man of an age when men are prone to go overboard from some one woman. Joseph Smith, in all his ideals and environment, was a monogamist and happy in it.

I will illustrate one of the startling statements in these revelations. Early in the history of the L D S Church (1832) Joseph received a revelation to build a temple at Kirtland, now a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. It was emphasized to him there was great necessity for this temple, so he and his people made great sacrifices to rush it to completion.

After its dedication, amazing things happened in this temple. You may find a few enthusiasts who will become carried away and falsely as to what they saw and heard several hundred people do not persist in a mass falsehood the remainder of their lives. Scores of good honest intelligent Americans witnessed and heard amazing spiritual outpourings in this remarkable temple, some of them as great as the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. On one occasion a chorus of angels sang and angels were seen to mingle with the audience.

After one such amazing meeting, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery withdrew to a separate room made by drawing a curtain over a portion of the large assembly hall and knelt in prayer. Their prayer was answered quickly and in a most startling manner. First, Jehovah, the great god of our Universe, appeared before them. Next came Moses and in succession others of the ancient patriarchs and prophets. Elias came and reinstated the Dispensation of Abraham and stated that from then on (after 1836) would the promise made to Abraham that “in/and in our seed all generations after us should be blessed”.

The Lord also sent an angel to the Prophet Joseph Smith with a drawn sword who threatened to cut him down unless he introduced this principle to his people and lived it himself.

The Prophet Isaiah, speaking of these Latter Days, (Isaiah 25) declares the Lord offered the drunkards of Sphraim in the fat valleys “this is the rest “wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing yet they “would not hear.”
The world has the notion that the Mormons went after polygamy with gusto and made such a mess of it the Government had to stop it, but nothing could be further from the truth. Polygamy was never popular with the rank and file of the L D S people, anymore than it is popular with them today. Because of the weakness and lack of faith of this big majority (about 97%) the Church felt compelled to cater to them and desert the faithful three percent.

If this principle of Abraham was so important the Lord commanded a temple to be built where He could come and introduce Elias and have him reinstate it, it certainly is so important that it is not a temporary affair and God will be found seeing to it that it does not entirely perish. Therefore, we must look to Mormon history, both past and that now in the making, for evidence of God’s moves in this regard.

Several times leaders of the Church appealed to the Lord for revelation to let them ease up or stop the practice of this principle but they were given stern instructions to continue. Witness the revelation given to President John Taylor in 1882 and which has been published in some editions of the Doctrine and Covenants. Also the revelation given to Wilford Woodruff in 1880 and the one given to him in 1887.

In 1886 a crisis had come. Pres. Taylor and most of the Quorum of the Twelve were on the underground and hiding from the U.S. marshal. A delegation of powerful LDS leaders and business men called on Pres. Taylor at his hiding place and urged him to sign the Manifesta, which was cooked up by both LDS and gentile leaders to stop the persecution and get statehood. I verified this not only from LDS sources but also from Judge Hartah, Ross Hutchinson, and Frank J. Cannon. Hutchinson told George Budd and myself that the Mormons double-crossed themselves.

Pres. Taylor adamantly refused to sign the Manifesta, so this delegation requested him to take the matter to the Lord, which he agreed to do. It is significant that God Almighty considered this principle of Abraham of such great importance that that night He sent His Son Jesus and the Prophet Joseph Smith to Pres. Taylor. The Saviour was with him several hours of the night while the Prophet remained with him most of the night between nine p.m. and about six a.m. They carefully instructed Pres. Taylor and impressed him so he wouldn’t forget. He was also given a detailed revelation which he reduced to writing. He was not only emphatically instructed not to sign the Manifesta but was told to take steps to see that the principle did not stop and men holding the Melchisedek Priesthood were set apart for this mission and instructed to marry men and women in this principle and placed under covenant that they and their successors would see that not a year passed but that children were born under this covenant and that it was kept alive until Jesus came.

Do you suppose that the God of Heaven and earth would go to this much trouble and take such careful steps and then let it all come to an end and be defeated??? If that promise made to Abraham and reinstated by Elias, together with Jehovah Himself, is not fulfilled, then there is not only nothing to Mormonism but Christianity is a falsehood as also the entire history of God’s dealings with the Jews and the doctrines and recordings of the Bible.
Our entire Christian faith is due to "Holy men spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost." This is the foundation of our faith. Without it we are as nothing, and you cannot consistently accept Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Jesus Christ and reject Joseph Smith and John Taylor.

John W. Taylor was not among those men set apart on that memorable day of September 27, 1835, but he was later placed under covenant by his Prophet Father and this responsibility placed upon his shoulders. Furthermore, he and Matthew Cowley and John Henry Smith, father of the late Pres. George Albert Smith, were three of the TWELVE who were given the responsibility, without involving the Church, of carrying this principle on. John Henry Smith later deserted these other two but Cowley and John W. Taylor remained true to their trust. However, John Henry Smith, when his son George Albert was about fourteen, had this son, in the presence of quite a few people, raise his right arm to high Heaven and covenant that he would never raise his hand against this principle nor those living it.

Later, Apostles Taylor and Cowley were sacrificed in order to permit Apostle Samuel Smith to take his assigned seat in the United States Senate.

That John W. Taylor did not yield is a tribute to his character and proves he was not the will-o’-the-wisp, happy-go-lucky person his son paints him. It is evident that Samuel W. Taylor is bent more on a literary career than on being a factual historian, and caters to the prevailing popular journalistic style to sell his books. This theory is that you must paint both the good and bad side of a character or no one will believe you. No matter how saintly a man may have been, no matter how great his nature, you must show that he also had human weaknesses, like the mob or they won't buy your books. They will think you were prejudiced. It seems to us it was not necessary to make the book 90% weakness and so little of the goodness and greatness of this remarkable character.

It is no accident that John W. Taylor's ancestry goes back to the royal house of Israel and can be traced to these worthy patriarchs. The Woolleys have a bit of the blood of Judah. John W. Taylor was of Ephraim.

So you can see, from this brief sketch of the background of this man, why he acted as he did. But why did his wives stick with him and still look forward to reunion with him and cannot be tempted to marry other men?? This is the phase of Mormon polygamy which is the more difficult to portray to others so they can understand.

According to the revelation explaining the principle and dispensation of Abraham (Section 132, LDS Doctrine and Covenants) when a man holding the priesthood of Melchizedek, either by heritance or by being grafted into the lineage of Abraham, receives wives by revelation and commandment, and they are sealed to him by one holding the authority of this same priesthood, he and they
are married for time and all eternity and if they continue steadfast in this covenant, and do not shed innocent blood, (like preventing life or causing abortions, for example) then they will come forth in due time and be crowned as kings and queens in the eternal heavens and pass by the gods which are set there and will become gods and receive principalities, thrones, eternal increases and glories, all heights and depths. They will, in fact, become creators. Those who have elected lesser things will become servants and ministering angels and cannot be enlarged because they did not honor their heritage nor fulfill the measure of their creation.

Now, do you suppose that any sane woman, after having tasted of this glory, after having glimpsed a vision of it, could be tempted by some mere man of flesh?? Forbid the thought.

These women who married John W. Taylor had received such revelation. They also had received knowledge in holy places. They were also instructed by their husband and taught the fulness of the gospel. They were persecuted and this caused them to test their faith and DESERVE which they preferred — the truth of babylon. Such women shudder at the thought of deserting their covenants and going over to filthy babylon.

No doubt they loved John W. Taylor but they could have loved other men as much. Love does not come solely to one man or one woman, and love often switches from one object to another object of affection. It is transitory and fleeting. It does not endure forever. In fact, it seldom lasts through one short lifetime. While any books have been written eulogizing love, every man and woman who has truly loved another knows that it is not enduring unless something greater solidifies it and it is blessed with God's power.

Even sexual passion does not last, nor does it bind woman to man for long.

Only God's power binds man and woman for eternity, and this is what bound these lovely women to John W. Taylor so strong that no earthly thing could break that bond.

It is a great tribute to and proof that the Priesthood of God (God's power delegated to man on earth) is here among us. It is also proof that this divine principle is still of God and has not perished from the earth; nor will it. A small remnant of faithful men and women will carry it on. They will shortly be gathered to the TOPS of the mountains, unto the refuge of the Prophet Isaiah, where they will learn of new ways of living taught by the God of Heaven and earth. They will dwell as did their first parents in Gardens of Eden and will have their bodies renewed and will be very fruitful and prepare the way for the Kingdom of God to be ushered into this earth, when their blood will bless every nation of this earth and fulfill the promise made to the Father of the Faithful. It will be natural for such offspring to remain faithful and true and glorify God and hence bring the residuum on this earth to a knowledge of and sacred respect for God's law.

As a youth I heard John W. Taylor speak. He was one of the poorest speakers I have listened to when he spoke as John W. Taylor. The only time I heard him when he was interesting was when the blood seemed to leave his face and it became transparent and he spoke under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Only then was John W. Taylor dynamic and only then did he sway audiences, and when
this occurred few people who heard him ever forget the event. At one time, shortly before his death, he was wandering from Genesis to Revelation and the audience were getting restless; when all of a sudden his face went white and he began prophesying. He declared that this principle would not perish from the earth but a few men and women would be called to keep it alive and that not a year would pass but that children would be born in this principle. He stated that as a witness to those who thought he spake as John B. Taylor and not of the Lord, a Nephi prophet would visit that ward during the week and leave a blessing. That was a big order for a happy-go-lucky farming preacher, but nevertheless on Thursday of that same week a Nephi prophet about 2,000 years of age, and still a mortal, visited the home of Sister Fisher, who was dumb from birth yet the mother of three normal children, blessed her and she shouted for joy and has had her voice ever since. I have heard her bear her testimony and sing hymns to demonstrate her remarkable blessing. I have the written testimony of her son, who was present, which he bore in the Mesa Temple.

I was fortunate to have met one of John W. Taylor's wives at the big home in Farmington. I had met her daughter and was invited to their home. I knew the high ideals which both this good woman and her daughter held. Few people on this earth have their high character or their sublime faith. They are jewels.

John W. Taylor was a man of God. He walked and talked with God. He knew the gospel to be true. He knew his destiny and no man could shake his determination to fulfill his covenants. A wicked world, hell, fire and damnation could not stop him. His was a sublime faith, akin unto perfect knowledge. He knew his faith had passed beyond mere belief. Is it any wonder that such a man appears strange to those who have not progressed far enough to be sure they even believe in God, or that he appears strange to those swallowed up with the foibles and filth of Babylon?

He and all other holy men will remain strange to this world. It is a matter of viewpoint and what manner of eyes you look through. But if and when you catch the same vision they behold then their faith and knowledge no longer seem strange and you become fired with the same spirit and what men may do to you counts for very little. Hundreds of people now living can and will testify that John W. Taylor was a prophet whose prophecies came true. And he did not prophesy to persuade men away from God but he prophesied under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost to persuade men to God.

And as surely as many of his prophecies have come true, just so surely will the others be fulfilled. This being the case, Salt Lake City will be destroyed and those who have persecuted the faithful living this principle will suffer the wrath of a just God. Many of the fine homes will be thrown down and those who persecuted him will have less to live in that his wives were left.

John W. Taylor was not merely the creation of a circumstance nor a fleeting era.

About 1919 I attended a special stake conference in the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City. I had a very good seat on the balcony on the South side of the hall but near the front. Pres. Heber J. Grant and several of the General Authorities of the LDS Church were on the stand but not taking part in the session. The meeting was shortly turned over to a testimony meeting.
A little fellow on the main floor, just under where I sat, rose and began berating those preaching this principle and living it. I have never been in a Mormon meeting where the spirit of God was more in evidence. Everyone seemed illuminated with it. The more this little fellow spoke the more restless the people became and it was clear that everyone wished he would sit down. Finally, he did. There was deep silence for a few moments then a little lady with stooped shoulders, on the front of the main floor, on the north side thereof, rose and in a soft pleasant voice began speaking. You could hear a pin drop. It soon became apparent she was answering this little fellow but mentioned no names. I could see Heber J. Grant. I watched him. As this refined noble woman spoke he placed his head between his two hands and the longer she spoke the deeper down went his head.

When she took her seat, Pres. Grant arose and bore a strong testimony to this sacred principle. He testified to the joy it had given him and thanked God that he had lived it. He then stated that he knew that every word this woman had spoken was true and bore a strong testimony that her husband was a prophet of God. He told of the occasion when he (Grant) had been called to open the Japanese mission and was $75,000 in debt and some of his three wives had homes of their own. He didn’t see how he could accept this call but one morning as he entered the Salt Lake Temple he met him coming out. He asked Grant if he were going to accept the call and Grant replied he didn’t know. Then this man prophesied to him that if he accepted the call he would pay off his debts and build each one of his three wives a $5,000 home, and $5,000 would build a very good house those days. Pres. Grant related how this prophecy was fulfilled within a short time and he also had sufficient left over to finance his mission.

You see, this dear little lady was Mallie Taylor, one of the plural wives of John W. Taylor, then deceased. Years afterward, when they dedicated the Cardston Temple, I heard this same Mallie Taylor relate how the way had been opened for her, then without funds, to go to Canada and attend the dediatory services. She told how John came to her and asked her to drive out on the Prairie, after the services, to a certain place and he would meet her there. She related how she did so and he appeared to her as a REIGNING person (possibly resurrected) and gave her instructions about his family, etc.

Don’t be surprised if some of these good men shortly appear among us and again speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost. They are not dead. John W. Taylor is not dead, and after many of those now living are dead, “their carasses stream in the midst of the streets” because they have cast away the law of the Lord of Hosts”, John W. Taylor will be very much alive and we will see a thrilling reunion of all those who persist in living this principle in face of persecution and in opposition to the established order of the apostate world they lived in. This will be a glorious day for the remnant who “burned the battle to the gate” and an embarassment to any apologists who may then be living, but the persecution of faithful men and women who believe and study the prophets may soon become very severe unless they speedily flee to the retreats they have been commanded to go to. “Enter into the rock and hide thee in the dust”. “Come, my people, enter into your chambers and shut thy doors about thee...until the indignation be overpast”.

The alleged conversation on page 278 of “Family Kingdom” sounds spacious and colored for popular consumption. I have known many of those who were set-aside by Pres. John Taylor to continue this principle. I have known most of those who fought for this principle, up to this very day, but I have never met one of them who talked in that fashion. Not one of them argued for the establishment of a new Church or that members of the Church did not hold the Priesthood,
save some who were improperly ordained. If such an individual ever talked with John W. Taylor he certainly was not representative of the group who tried to stand loyal to this principle and carry it on, and I am sure this conversation is not reported as it took place. It is not typical of those men. They sent their children to Church. They taught them it was and is the true Church. They argued it was out of order but still the true Church and would be set in order. They referred to the 85th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants to certify this view but never once have I heard any of them argue that a new church should be established. They sent their sons on missions to preach the Church. To them the Church was still the sole true church of God on earth.

But we can well believe that John W. Taylor refused to tear his Church down, for loyalty was characteristic of him and characteristic of those who defended this principle and differed with the Church regarding their policy toward it. It is unfair to try to paint John W. Taylor as the single, sole hero and all these other men as "bad company"... That is childish and unfair of the author, his son.

He can also believe that John told Ketim: "What you and I have to gather is everlasting and eternal, worlds without end," for that is the CORE of the principle. It is the fulfillment of the sealing power. It is the activating force which causes man and woman to persevere and deprivation, ignominy and shame.

And John W. Taylor and his family were not the ONLY ones who stood the test. Pres. Irving, as late as 1931, in a special priesthood meeting at Conference, stated that what he was saying was not meant to be a reflection upon those good people who had practiced the principle, from the days of Brigham Young even down to now. He said he had not been privileged to live the principle and the best he hoped for would be the privilege of sitting at their sainted feet. I lived not far from Pres. Irving and one morning in walking to town with him he suddenly stopped, half way down the hill on First Avenue, turned toward me, emphasized with his pointed finger, and stated that this people must return to that principle or be rejected. We must not suppose that God is so handicapped that He must accept the people of this Church and go on with them, irrespective of how careless they become or how they may trample sacred principles under their feet.

And now, after having recorded the above, I wish to add my testimony to the matter. I came to belief in the principle not because of the bent of my own mind or training. I believed that the principle had been done away with, and was glad of it, feeling it relieved me of facing this problem. My head was filled with the typical love and marriage ideals of Babylon — the monogamous cesspool which is painted so pretty by the popular novelists who write the best sellers, but who fail to paint the infidelity, disease, criminality, insanity, low order of posterity of monogamy. Base building has never been a popular subject.

I came to a belief in this principle because God revealed it to me. I have seen the Saviour, I have conversed with my Father in Heaven, and I have seen my glorious Heavenly Mother. I was told that the principle was just as true today (1933 when this occurred) as it ever was and that in order to receive the blessings — an exaltation — men and women must live it, that God had not done away with the principle now would be, and it is now significant to me that in the 1886 Revelation to Pres. Taylor Jesus stated that He lacked the power to do away with it. It is the irrevocable principle by which He became a god! He is as subject to it as we are. It is true in Heaven and on
earth was Samuel W. Taylor states about his father: While father ultimately

"was presented with just three dozen children by his wives, each was to him a

"jewel beyond price"...

The Mormon people did not make a mess of polygamy, only so far as they
 sacrificed it to wicked Babylon. Dr. Beall V. Johnson stated to a group of
 us that the Mormon people had made the greatest success of polygamy of any
 people on this earth and that it was regrettable the government had stopped
 this greatest of all experiments in race building. Prof. Hickman's scholarly
 study of thousands of Mormon monogamous and polygamous offspring proved the
 polygamous children averaged several pounds heavier, were taller, averaged
 seven or eight percent higher in their school grades and many times as many
distinguished themselves in after life, while few of them were defective
 mentally and seldom did a polygamous child have a criminal record. The des-
dcendants of the polygamous families are the stalwarts of the Mormon people.

There was no good reason for abandoning the principle. It harmed no one
but helped everyone. Satan's program is to debauch the human race and keep
them in ignorance and misery. This principle was a part of the KIDS-
LU referred to by the Lord in Isaiah 26th chapter 12th verse. Little wonder,
than, that the devils gnashed their teeth and fought it with such vigor. The
mistake is that we overlook the fact that Satan has as many devils in human
form as are disembodied. They came to this earth through violation of Mother
Eve in the Garden of Eden and their seed is still among us. Read the 76th
Section of the Doctrine and Covenants and the Book of Revelation if you doubt
that the great mass of humanity are sons of perdition. Now we face strong
pressure to let our children of the holy seed mingle their blood with these
human devils. Will the LDS people yield also to this pressure??? to be popu-
lar with the world????

John W. Taylor had the true vision when he urged his people to isolate
themselves from the world. Jesus commands us to do this. "Come out of her,
my people, that you partake not of her sins nor receive of her plagues." Why
else would God lead our progenitors to this wilderness? He had the
prophets foresight of what would come if the people ignored this command.
Section 86 describes it. It tells how the wheat and the tares would grow
up together in these mountain valleys after 1832. How the apostles would
fall asleep and because of this insolent wolves would enter in among the
flock. Then when both had grown up together and were fully ripe, the wheat
was to be plucked up from among the tares and carried away so the tares
would be burned.

But where will the wheat go? George Q. Cannon and others, prophesied
that a group would come out of the Church and carry the kingdom to a safe
place.

There is only one answer to the above question. The faithful among the
Saints cannot go to some new country. There are no new frontiers in new lands.
There is, however, a great frontier right among them. It is a frontier others
do not now want. Therefore, it is comparatively easy for our people to now ob-
tain possession of these lands whereas later on it will be difficult.

This last frontier is on the tops of the mountains in the great inland
plains. These high tablelands and mountain tops have rich virgin soil full
of life-giving ORGANIC matter. And John W. Taylor eaten fruits and vegetables
and grains grown on such soills he would have been cured of cancer whereas the
doctors killed him with their knives, not knowing what to do. He ate too much
chicken and meat. They are both filthy foods and forbidden to us by the origi-
nal commands of God and advised against by our Latter Day Words of Wisdom.

The valleys and low places are defiled unto the inhabitants thereof.
They are peopled by the "drunkards of Ephraim". The prophet Isaiah, in these
last Days, saw a people, whom he called the righteous, gathered to these high
places where they could look at the land afar off. This would be impossible in
the valleys or even on the low hills. He saw that whereas the drunkards of
Ephraim were destroyed by a fierce people of stammering lips and another
tongue, these people on the high places would not be visited by this fierce
people "with deeper speech than thou canst understand". Our earth is tilting back
and forth verti cal, the position  it occupied before the Flood. It, however, follows
a wobbling ecliptic course as it does so, "reeling to and fro like a drunken man".
Therefore, our weather is unpredictable and will remain so for some years. The
general trend, however, is to change the ocean currents and trade winds and cause
the earth to conform to universal gravity, which brings earthquakes and causes
the waters of the great deep to flow northward. This trend also will cause the
higher elevations at our latitude to become wetter whereas the lower places
will be comparatively dry. These higher places will, in time, come to have a
delightful climate, for at that time the sun's rays will strike our earth at
our latitude, at about the same angle they have struck the earth in the past at
Central America and Guatemala. This shift, however, is taking place much faster
than most people realize. In fact, information about it is kept from the people.
It does not make the headlines nor even the feature articles. Those interested,
however, can ferret it out, which is always the case with truth. Great bless-
ings come in like manner. Jacob wrestled with the Lord for a blessing, and don't
think it will be any different with you.

John W. Taylor was a remarkable prophet. Joseph Smith said the spirit of
prophecy verified that your calling and election had been made sure. John W.
Taylor headed this Spirit. Efforts are now being made to super-romance this man
and make him a figure but there is too much evidence of his prophetic powers to
 gainsay them. God had a purpose in sending his Son and the Prophet Joseph Smith
to his father to make certain the work he commenced with Joseph and Oliver Cow-
ery in the Kirkland Company did not perish. He called John W. Taylor to emblazon
the fact of the revelation to his father so cunning ast could never deny it.
John W. Taylor's fanatical devotion to his Church only made his testimony the
stronger. Had there been any question about this revelation, Taylor would have
denied it. He had every reason to. He loved his position as the People's
Apostle and the Prophet of the Quorum. He basked in popularity and respect such
as few men have known. Do you suppose he would have turned his back on all this,
plus the promotions he valued and which had been lucrative and promised even
greater wealth made possible by his strong connection with the Church, had he not
have had positive evidence of the truth of this revelation?? While he had not
been present on September 27, 1886, at his father's hiding place at Centerville,
he had learned of that transpired from several eye-witnesses. Furthermore, his
father, on his death-bed, when men told the truth, had related the matter to him,
gave him a copy of the sealing ceremony and placed his under covenant to use it
and keep the principle alive. Samuel W. Taylor informs us his father stated he
had seen the original, that his father had verified it to him.

I have handled this same original and carefully read it several times. I
also have photographic copies of it in my possession. I have the testimony of
John Taylor's sons that it is genuine and the original in their father's hand-
writing. They also verified to me that their father informed them of the re-
velation and the circumstances under which it was given. Arguing whether the
Church or its people had passed on it is truly splitting hairs. How could that change truth? or an eternal law? People can, of course, free themselves from the obligation of the law by voting not to regard it but they at the same time free themselves from the blessings.

I became interested in the principle because of a patriarchal blessing not of my seeking. I objected to this part of the blessing to the patriarch, informing him it couldn't be true because of the Manifesto. He sternly told me he had not given me that blessing and if I had any fault to find with it to go to the One who gave it to me. I did so, and was amazed at the rapidity with which my prayers were answered but not until I had first studied everything I could lay my hands on, for and against, regarding the principle.

Whenever I defend this principle and seek to explain it to my worthy fellowmen I have joy in my heart, God prosper me and I have amazing gifts, especially impressions and dreams. But when I become slothful and do not defend it then I lose these gifts, or at least they lessen. Joseph F. Smith appeared to me one early morning after an almost night-long vigil of prayer and supplication to the Lord, and among other things he told me was that my progress in certain projects would go hand in hand with my progress in defending this principle.

Perhaps John W. Taylor had like experiences. Perhaps he stood firm and unwavering, most of his projects would have prospered. Perhaps his family did not stand with him as they should have done in these matters. Perhaps the blame was not with John W. at all. Perhaps he lacked the cooperation and solidity of his wives and God would not prosper them in full on that account. I witnessed a striking case along that line. I knew a man with three wives and a large family who called in a patriarch to advise them. He told the patriarch his blessings had promised him wealth but that it did not come, although he worked hard to make it. The patriarch informed them it did not come because of his wives. He said they were not united and found too much fault with him about his business affairs. He stated that if they would unite and love one another and back him solidly as their head that God would soon prosper him beyond measure but that if they continued their disunity and fault-finding he would go down and lose everything he had and they would break up as a family and go to destruction. I witnessed this literally fulfilled. They failed to heed this man of God and in a matter of months he was busted and lost all he had soon afterward. The family broke up and scattered.

What would have happened had the wives tried to make John W.'s dream of family industry come true? It has worked marvellously for other families, and would have worked for his had there been cooperation. No business venture can succeed without cooperation. Even though they tried a dozen articles before they found one commercially successful their venture would have been a success. Only toward the close of his life did Bettie begin to see what her husband was doing to make money and make others prosperous, but even then she thought more of a boarding house than the bigger things, so this is just what she got, and her husband died discouraged and tired of trying to get their cooperation. There is no good reason why a united family can't make just as great success in a city as on a frontier. Think of the labor problems and other complexity such an arrangement would solve!

But the family organization is not near so important for this life we call three score year and ten as for eternity. Even were it possible for a man to become a Creator with one wife, how could he people a world with one wife.
The concept of the new scholastic era for plural marriage and fruitful men and women of high character and faith and intelligence. They must also be capable of loving one another for only then will they understand cooperation, which is the key to success in anything. Several women married to and loving one man is only half the principle. It is equally important for the wives to love one another and be united.

The training we obtain in this life fits us for the next. The great lesson we need most to learn is to be one. United and one as a family, united and one as brethren. "Unless you are one you are not Mine." Samuel W. Taylor's book infers that human frailty and the feminine character precludes a united family. To that extent it teaches the doctrine of the devil but the very incidents related prove that it is possible for women of character to live this principle in harmony. It appears that the Taylor family made a big success in spite of Bettie's wanting to be by herself and have personal rather than collective security. The fact the principle survived the tremendous obstacles and trials which beset this family testifies to its vitality and eternal nature.

It is also apparent that God is at the helm. In spite of the determination of members of the Church to stamp the principle out it persists and the more its enemies do to eradicate it the more publicity and attention it receives. It simply won't be put down. God informs us it is an eternal and everlasting principle. He came personally to earth and brought His prophets with Him and introduced them and restored the principle in righteousness again to this earth and proclaimed through others of His prophets that it was not perish but would survive into the Millennium. His Church still persists. Its enemies sought its destruction, but both the principle and the Church survive and will continue. Our Heavenly Father has declared He will fight the battles of His faithful priesthood who do His will. The Taylor family did not do His will in all things but they DID take a grand effort and God Almighty surely fought their battles.

The Church disobeyed God, especially in the matter of the Revelation to Pres. Wilford Woodruff November 29, 1889, but while God has not spoken to its leaders since He has not utterly deserted it. It has prospered in temple work and gathering genealogy. Perhaps it had to be divorced from this principle in order to do this great work but the chief loss is to the members who have lost faith in this great principle of godhood. We see no reason why the Church should not teach the principle as such and urge that the people legislate in its favor and keep it alive in the hearts of the people. It has a legal right to do this. And individuals have a right to work for the repeal of laws against it. The sad part is that Utah legislators reported Church leaders urging the passage of the 1935 Act making unlawful cohabitation a felony whereas it was only a misdemeanor up to that time. These are the things difficult to understand on the part of those who believe the fulness of the gospel but still want to be loyal to the Church.

The great error is to assume that plural marriage fit only the frontier and that the turn of the century brought progress which precluded its further practice. If the turn of the century did in fact bring conditions which precluded its practice then assuredly it was not progress but retrogression. Plural marriage is the order of heaven and surely it is a state far advanced over ours in progress. Latter Day Saints who tolerate this erroneous thesis are ignorant of their basic beliefs. They cannot have read the revelation on plural marriage and the eternity of the marriage covenant. To tolerate such beliefs one must consider philosophical gymnastics solely and ignore the revealed words of God, but this has ever been the road to apostasy. Men of renown in Noah's day reasoned it absurd to think it would rain. We are informed they were men of great learning. The downfall of the Jewish people is that they have revered scholarly attainments more than their prophets. They could not
accept Jesus because he associated with publicans and sinners.

Lasciviousness, promiscuity, obscenity, false pride are not progress. It is these sins which argue against the institutions of God. The pure in heart have no fault to find with this principle. If the world does not understand it and cannot accept it, it is only because their minds are darkened; but in spite of the filth and corruption of this day there are many people who are open-minded about the principle and wish to know more information about it. There is far more tolerance now than in the days when John W. Taylor preached it and lived it. The sectarian ministers could not have the influence they then wielded. It would not be popular for them to bring a tirade against Mormon polygamists. It would rather incite more interest than hatred. The men of the cloth have lost much of their influence with the people. There probably has been a time when the Church could so effectively teach this principle as a principle than now. It would not bring political candidates or many votes to advocate persecution of Mormon polygamists or laws to suppress its teaching.

People see so much wickedness today that Mormon polygamists seem like saints by comparison.

The self-righteous have ever been the bitterest enemies of the gospel. The Pharisees were the elite of their day and were the bitterest enemies of early Christianity. Jesus hated them. The self-righteous among the Mormons have been the bitterest enemies of modern Mormon polygamists. It’s so easy for people who consider themselves the elite to look down upon those who do not follow their pattern of living.

Not so many years past I was on my way to attend services in the Tabernacle one Sunday. I met John T. Clark who was also going to the same services. We walked together. Soon we met Lorin G. Wooley and he joined us. Next day, a member of my Quorum took me aside and told me my standing in the Church was in jeopardy if I were ever seen again with either of these two men. I informed my informer friend that this was still the U.S.A. and that I would talk with anyone I saw fit, that I had just recently met these two gentlemen, that they had conducted themselves as gentlemen, that I found their conversations very interesting and had no intention of offending them if I chanced to meet them on the street. Mr. Wooley was a banker and a farmer, and came from a family noted for their abilities, but the self-righteous Mormons fromed upon him because he testified that he was present as a bodyguard when Pres. John Taylor received the 1886 revelation about the law of Abraham being an eternal everlasting law and not subject to cancellation. It can’t be turned on and off like a water-faucet.

Thinking men and women would have little respect for principles of a gospel which were proclaimed correct one day and sinful the next. In the words of Heber J. Grant: "you say these marriages are all wrong since 1900, but I remember a date in the early nineties when they are supposed to be all wrong. One is led to speculate whether [a] mighty on the Day of Judgement will be hunting among old musty parchments to determine by dates whether a man belongs to heaven or hell."

John W. Taylor couldn’t compromise plain reasoning and the emphatic declarations of God with those who argued renouncing them for the sake of expediency. He was sacrificed by the compromisers. He was uncumbered and financial support withdrawn from his enterprises. He died a comparatively young man. Most people of his Church considered he ended in disgrace but truth has a way of rising again even though crushed to earth for a time, and it is safe to say that John W. Taylor is revered and better known today than his persecutors, most of whom have been forgotten.
Patriarch Richard S. Hurns once said, in an opening prayer at an Annual Stake Priesthood meeting: "O Lord, prepare thy people for the division which is coming among them, which will split thy Church from top to bottom." I met him a few days later in the Temple and asked him if he recalled what he had said. He replied that it was indelibly stamped upon his memory. I asked him if he felt it had been uttered by inspiration, to which he replied he was sure of it.

But why should men and women wishing to live the principle involve the Church? What has the Church to do with it? It isn't it part of the living of the principle out of the Church? The Church is a presbyteral organization, specifically organized for that purpose. If it does not wish to teach the principle then surely others are free to do so. It cannot logically object. Nor can the Church argue that those living it are sinful.

An L.D.S. Church bishop and a former Stake deacon in Canada under John S. Taylor were in my hotel room in a distant city one Saturday evening. I had an affiliation the doctors said required an operation. It was at the time I was earnestly enquiring of the Lord regarding this principle. Both saw the affiliation and were worried about it. The bishop slept with me in the same bed that night. The Stake deacon left but returned in the morning. During the night holy messengers visited me and the room was illumined brighter than noonday. I was healed of my afflictions. I was told the principle was as true today as ever and that the priesthood were not living up to their duties and privileges, and that were they doing, as the saying goes in the congregation of the wicked, instead of trying to save the world to make friends with them... It was emphatically made known to me that no man or woman would gain an exaltation unless they lived this principle here in the flesh. Next morning both men witnessed that the affliction was completely gone and there were no scars nor evidence that I had ever had this affliction. I was completely healed.

Samuel H. Taylor's treatment of his father reminds one of S. E. Roberts statement about Reed Smoot: "and the young senator from Utah kept his seat and held his peace while they pinned the scarlet letter on his mother's breast and brought dishonor to his honored father's brow", save that instead of keeping his peace, young Taylor rushed into print, only too eager to dishonor his father to prove himself adept at dishing sacred things up for popular consumption.

When Cowley and Taylor were dropped from the Quorum, with the understanding they would someday be put back into their rightful places, John H. Taylor prophesied to Cowley they would never again take their seats in that body... On another occasion, after this event, when they had met with the Quorum and had been roughly treated, and stood outside, Cowley said, "well, Jamb, we've got to fast and pray and be very humble", to which John H. replied, "you can fast and pray if you want to, but I'm going to eat and fight"...

This was characteristic of the man. He believed in fasting and praying, but he also believed in acting and fighting when the occasion demanded. I knew Apostle Cowley better than Apostle Taylor. I have seen this man transfigured before my very eyes and saw he was a holy man. I knew John H. principally through his intimates, such as his brothers, George, Nathan, Edward Clark, Edward Cowley, the "Sandburg girls", a sister of Karla and Ethel, both Canadian Saints and gentiles, Mexican refugees, Anthony H. Ivins, Douglas Todd, Nellie Taylor, Lorin C. Hooley, Eugene Hooley of Grantsville, etc.

John H. Taylor was truly a prophet of God. In closing I wish to relate one more evidence of this fact. It was summer in Canada. It looked like another
crop failure due to drought. The sky was cloudless. The Saints gathered for many miles around to their church. John J. Taylor was speaking. Suddenly his face illuminated and he began prophesying. He declared that if the Saints would live their religion and would reconsecrate their lives to the gospel it would cloud up and rain before they left that meeting. He further said that God had called the Saints there for a wise purpose, and declared that when the Ten and a half tribes came from the North they would camp near Cardston and help the Saints grow great bumper crops of grain. He said they would be offered fabulous prices for this grain by people in the States but would refuse said offers and send it to the starving Saints in the Rockies, who would be short of food, not because of crop failures, but because there would be so many dead there to join them.

It began raining shortly afterward and rained hard for several days. They grew a bumper crop. One gentile told me he purchased a threshing machine and went to help harvest the big Mormon crop and said they ran out of sacks and granaries and had to pile the grain on canvases in the field, there was so much. That part has been literally fulfilled, and shortly the Ten tribes will come forth and fulfill the balance of this remarkable prophecy.

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GENERAL STEAM

In the Bull Valley Mountains north of Gunlock, Utah, are the rusting, chaotic remains of a project known as "General Steam", that was the center of swirling controversy and bitterness in southern Utah 40 to 50 years ago. Involved was the development of new, rotary steam engines intended primarily to power trucks and automobiles. Some technical success was achieved; there are accounts of the inventor proudly driving a steam-powered truck around St. George. But apparently high costs, the lack of an adequate market for the engines, and other factors, caused the enterprise to fail, with large losses to many investors. Many people came to believe that the project was a scam from the beginning. There was considerable anger and bitterness focussed upon the engineer-inventor, LeRoy Wilson, who was the moving force in promoting and running "General Steam". After the collapse of the project he was found murdered, with the circumstances shrouded in mystery.

A visit to the forlorn "General Steam" site is a fascinating experience, and can easily be accomplished in half a day from St George. A 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended for the excursion, but It can be done without significant difficulty in a regular passenger car. From Gunlock, drive northeast on the paved road leading to Veyo. A little over 3 miles out of Gunlock, just as the road curves to go up a hill, a dirt road takes off to the left. Drive on it as it heads in a generally northwest direction into the mountains. In most places it is narrow and winding, a bit rough in places, but not dangerous. After several miles, you will cross a wooden bridge over a creek. Shortly after that you will see on your right a couple of large pieces of rusty machinery right by the road. Stop there. To your left, on the hillside across a ravine and a creek, are the scattered remains of "General Steam" There is a high, plank footbridge over the creek. If you are leery of walking on it, you can cross the creek a little further upstream. Then spend an absolutely fascinating hour or half hour poking around old rusting machinery and disintegrating buildings. Seek out the old steam engine below the dam on the creek.

Some of the machinery is surprisingly massive. One marvels that it could be trucked to the site up that narrow, winding, mountain road. And, even more one wonders why a major industrial project like this was located in such a remote, difficult area. It must have added enormously to the cost of development and operation. It is said that the site was chosen for reasons of secrecy and security, and that uninvited visitors were shot at. From accounts that have come down, "General Steam" seems to have involved an incredible combination of technology, mismanagement, questionable business practices, polygamy, sex. end-of-the-world survival planning, conspiracy, secrecy, cloak-and-dagger activities, deception, charges of fraud, high hopes and catastrophic failure, large investments and large losses, bitterness, anger, violence, and - ultimately - murder.

The saga of "General Steam" began in the late 1930's and on May 19, 1954, culminated in the murder of LeRoy Wilson in the rugged foothills 7 1/2 miles southwest of Kanab. His body was riddled by 5 bullets. Some say that his murder may have resulted from his activities as a uranium prospector. He had been angrily accused of "claim jumping."

Perhaps the full truth surrounding LeRoy Wilson, his "General Steam" project, and his uranium-related activities, will never be known. But a visit to the remarkable remains of the "General Steam" enterprise is well worth while.