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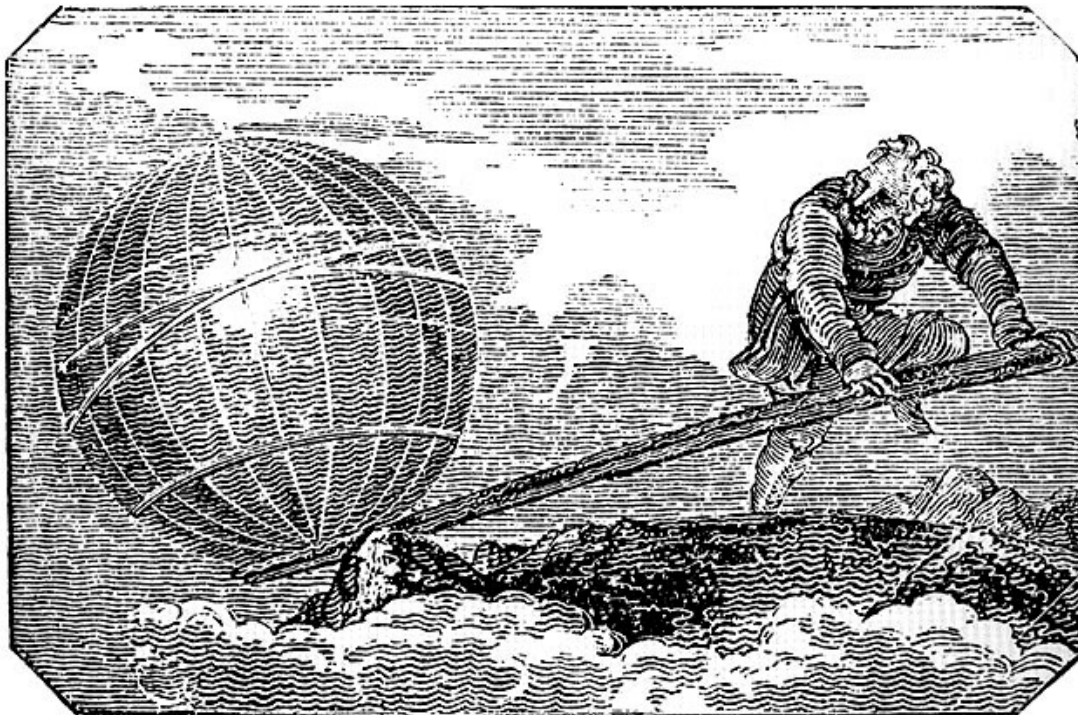
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**“Give me a place to Stand,  
and I’ll move the earth.”**

**A**rchimedes said it, I didn’t. He, of course, was talking about the magnificent multiplying power of a physical lever. But I believe there is a message for *Through the Maze* in that statement.

You see, *every day* I receive correspondence from Mormons or ex-Mormons telling me how the work of our ministry has helped them escape from Mormonism. Every day!

The contacts come via mail, telephone, and email. Day in and day out, I mail out literature to inquiring Latter-day Saints. Every day I go to the post office with one or more large plastic bins of tapes, books, pamphlets, and tracts. So, I know the ministry God called me to gets

results.

I hasten to add that the numbers are not huge, but they are consistent. And, of course, over time they add up. I am grateful to be part of such a ministry.

It gets me to thinking, however, what we could do if we had more “leverage.” Let me give you an example. In my last newsletter, I told you that we sent a mailing to “a small Utah town.” That town, as many of you doubtless guessed, was Manti. Immediately after the mailing hit, I started receiving email. Most of the email was negative: “How did you get my address; If you send me any more of your trash, I will take action,” etc. (Of course, there is no action to take. When you have a mailbox, people can send you mail, even

if you don’t like it. Of course if it is pornographic or otherwise illegal material, you can get in trouble. But religious expression is protected by the First Amendment. As much as you wish Mormon Missionaries could be stopped from knocking on the doors of private homes, they can’t be.

Soon after the mailing, however, I began receiving letters from Manti requesting more information. One lady asked for the book, *Beyond Mormonism: An Elder’s Story*. “Plain paper package, please,” she wrote.

I sent a handful of books to Manti as a result of the mailing. Two people said they would be willing to meet with me if I

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# Letters

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Dear Jim,

I think your idea for a mailing to a small LDS town is a good one. Enclosed is a little to help with the effort. My nephew got saved a while back. Now his wife is Born Again, after reading your book. The Sugar City curve got her out of Catholicism. She said; "Is that all I gotta do?". Now their daughter just got saved at their church.

I have put him in touch with you. He said he wants to get some books and stuff. His pastor is also interested in getting some books. He might want a seminar. Hope all is OK with you and your's.

Jim Close  
Pocatello, Idaho

*(Note: Jim's nephew did get a hold of me, confirmed the story, ordered some books, and is trying to set up some meetings for me in Las Vegas.)*

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Jim,

I want to thank you for your ministry. During the 1980's, I contacted you and you sent me your book *Beyond Mormonism*. I read it with the Tanner's book *Mormonism Shadow of Reality*. Between the two books I had enough doubts that I requested my name be removed from Mormon Church records.

After years of being away from the church, I was allowed to be rebaptized and confirmed a member again. I have been a faithful member of the Church including being temple worthy and doing temple work.

It did not take long to remember that the church is not what it seems on initial investigation. I had so many questions. I still had your book and I read it again. I realized that what I was missing was a relationship with Jesus Christ. I realized the god of Mormonism is not the same God of the Bible. I now have a relationship with

Jesus Christ.

I just want to encourage you and those who partner with you to continue your work and not to grow weary. You sowed a seed in my life in 1986 that bore fruit in 2001. I praise God for you, your ministry and your partners. I understand your passion to share your faith in Jesus Christ with those of us who were so deceived by Satan into believing that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true church and that the Book of Mormon was true. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

Harry

Hi Jim,

Thanks for your email. The ward here is catching on that I have defected. The bishop called last night from the ward while I was gone and ask me to call him. I got the ward mission leader instead and told him I was probably never coming back because I knew in my heart it wasn't right. The "probably" because I am human and sometime in weakness might return. He seem to take it OK and said he would pray that I would change my mind.

I have also told several close LDS friends I am not coming back today. Since I have done this it seems a major struggle is happening. But I have continued to study the Bible and pray. I know that God will help me. I am going to a retreat with the church I have been attending. I am looking forward to getting away.

I am so unsure of my steps right now. I have a great desire to learn who Jesus really is and what the BIBLE says and not my LDS priesthood leaders. I am walking this path alone. At first I was hesitant but since have seen that Jesus Christ is sufficient to get me through.

Thanks for your email. Especially thank you for investing in my life in the 1980's that led to me finding Jesus Christ now. I encourage you to keep up the work for the

Lord. You may only be planting seeds at times but they will come forth in a harvest for Jesus Christ.

Your friend in Christ,

Harry

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Jan 2001

Jim:

I am 85 years old but loving every day I can witness to hard case Mormons.

I attended your lecture at Weber College some years ago and left Mormonism and came to our Lord March 1, 1989. Am now attending Kaysville Bible Church and witnessing to Mormons who I see and love.

Love in His Service  
John P. Krebs

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Aug 2001

Jim

I was happy to hear of your big plans for visiting the hinterlands of Mormonism here in Utah. I am an ex-Mormon partly because I attended your seminars at Weber College a long time ago. Remember? I'm now a regular attendee of Kaysville Bible Church, a truly Bible-based church with a *paid pastor—horrors!*

I'm the only one in my family, sadly, that left "the Only True Cult" or whatever. I read your packet of five good evangelizing tools and would like to have a few to hand to some of my Mormon friends and family.

Also, your book, *Beyond Mormonism*, if possible. You are a great warrior for Christ! I witness also to a few neighbors and friends almost every week as they visit my mini-farm and my fixit shop.

I truly love you for your ministry that

lead me to the light and truth.

John P. Krebs

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John,

I thank you much for your letter. Actually two letters this year in which you mention the Weber State meetings. I was,

indeed, there about twenty years ago and then about ten years ago. At the second meeting, we had twenty-five Mormons stand to accept Christ. That very night my grandson, Scotty, died. I go home to Boise early in the morning to see him taken off the respirator.

I pray that you will continue to let your

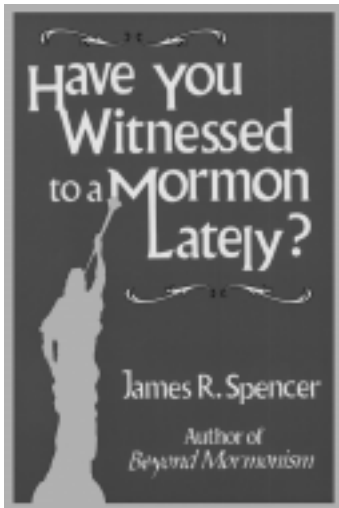
light shine in a dark place. I'm enclosing the materials you asked for. If there is anything else I can do to help, let me know.

Your friend and fellow-servant,

Jim



## Letters



## Have You Witnessed to a Mormon Lately? to be Reprinted!

Hardly a day passes without receiving a request for this book. For the past two or more years it has been out of print. A year or so ago I made a commitment to bringing it back in print—a faith commitment. With the help and encouragement of several friends, I am about to place the order for it to be printed. However, I am still short of funds for the initial print run. Please help if you can. Use the form below (or simply write "for Have You Witnessed to a Mormon Lately?" on your check.

**Have You Witnessed to a Mormon Lately?** was a finalist for the Gold Medalion award when it was first published. Thousands have said this book prepared them—as nothing else has—to witness to Latter-day Saints.

I know Jim Spencer and his heart for the Mormon people...His is a dynamic ministry.

•Dr. Walter Martin. Author, *The Kingdom of the Cults*

Jim's spirit is not argumentative, yet he is authoritative.

•Jack W. Hayford, *The Church on the Way*

James Spencer challenges Christians to volunteer for service in the war against atheism and pantheism...

•Dr. Gordon R. Lewis, Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary

Jim Spencer has led more Latter-day Saints to Jesus Christ than anyone I know of.

•Ed Decker, founder, *Saints Alive in Jesus!*

I have known Jim Spencer and his work among the Mormons for several years. His books, particularly *Beyond Mormonism: An Elder's Story* and *Have You Witnessed to a Mormon Lately?* are particularly insightful. We have had Jim Spencer on "The Praise the Lord Program" on several occasions. His ministry has been a blessing.

•Paul F. Crouch, President, Trinity Broadcasting Network

### I Want to Help Reprint Have You Witnessed to a Mormon Lately!

Enclosed is my special gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing at special gift of \$100.00 or more, please send me an autographed copy of the new edition

got to Manti. Besides the immediate response, I must assume that the thousands of pieces of literature I mailed continue to do their work. Hundreds of people must have read the material and I believe that bread cast on water returns. The Word of God is powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. It never returns void.

Over the past twenty-five years I have distributed more than a quarter of a million books, countless tracts, hundreds of thousands of newsletters, thousands of audio and video tapes. And I have received more than ten thousand letters from people who read the material. As I said, *every day* the contacts come in.

Now, back to the leverage. What if I could mail, not just every person in Manti, Utah material; what if I could mail *everyone in Utah*? How many responses would that engender? How many people would be set free?

I need a lever! I need to be able to print more and mail more. Give me a place to stand, and I'll move Utah!

#### **Another Idea**

I mailed three pieces of literature to Manti: "Are Mormons Christians," "The Disappointment of B. H. Roberts;" and "Tell Me Again You're My Brother." In addition, I sent a carefully worded cover letter. It was a good package.

As I continue to evaluate what works and what doesn't; what approach works better than another, I have come up with another mailing idea. Let me describe it.

Most homes now have access to a computer. Of course I already make strong use of the Internet. My two sites get as many as fifty thousand hits a month. Thousands of pages of information have been downloaded from my web sites.

There are some drawbacks to pulling information off the Internet. Large publi-

cations, for example, take a long time to download, depending upon the speed of the web connection. So, I began thinking about sending a CD. The paper mailing I did to Manti cost \$2.00 a piece. I was able to send three tracts and a newsletter. But for the same \$2.00 I can send more than 600 megabytes of information: dozens of books, for example.

I think I'll take a lesson from America Online. Over the past ten years they must of mailed millions of CDs throughout the country. I must have received a couple of dozen myself. They would not send them out if no one stuck them in their computers.

So, I am now working on a CD which will have several books on it: the 1830 Book of Mormon, perhaps *Beyond Mormonism*, *The Golden Bible*, and *Wife Number 19*. I can also include all of my tracts and back issues of *Through the Maze*.

One of the problems I have had is getting newspaper ads to allow me to insert advertising offering free material. Most of the newspapers in Utah, for example,

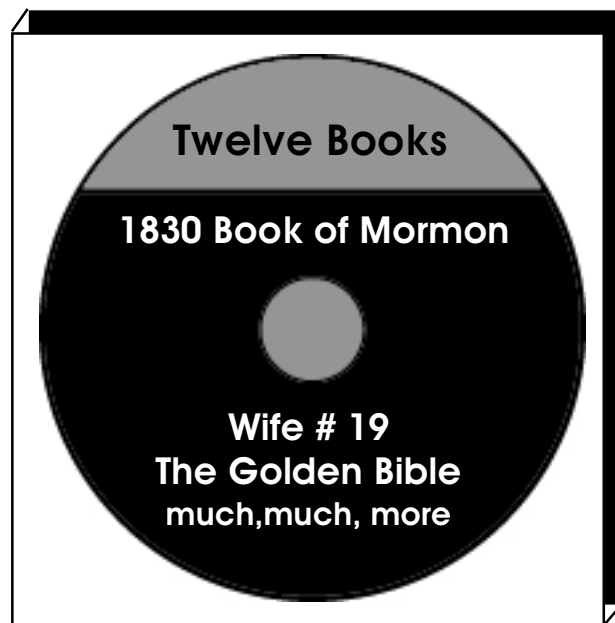
are afraid to allow material in their pages which might upset their Mormon readers. Apparently the old adage is true: "Freedom of the Press belongs to those who have one."

But, I think an ad such as the one pictured below would stand a good chance of being accepted. And like the Trojan Horse, it would include more than what it advertises

But, back to the lever. Who pays for all this. You do. You, and people like you. Your contributions to *Through the Maze* are the only source of revenue for this ministry. No denomination or mission organization support us. A handful of churches make donations and we appreciate them, but 99% of our resources come from individuals who believe in this ministry and send donations to keep the presses running.

You can help me answer the cries for information. Check out the letters in this issue. Pray about your financial involvement in our work. I appreciate you and your efforts. Help me help them! ■

**(Note, This CD is not yet in production!)**



**This newsletter is free, but you must tell us you want it—once each year!**

**We really want to send Through the Maze to you. However, good stewardship suggests we only send it to those who are reading it. If we don't hear from you from time to time, our computer will automatically delete your name from our mailing list. Please let us know if you want to receive Through the Maze—your prompt attention can help us save thousands of dollars a year in mailing costs.**