

Hi Friends!

I have long found the similarities between the UB and the LDS church fascinating. My family is from Utah and all my relatives on my mother's side are LDS. My mother denounced the church and religion in general after a bad experience. But after I found the Urantia Book at the age of 19 and moved to Casper, Wyoming when I was 21, I joined the church mainly to have a social outlet for my new-found religious beliefs.

When I was in SLC for the conference I picked up one of the LDS publications, "Ensign". I read an article by Boyd Packer who is President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles. In it he refers to his hero William Tyndale who lived 400 years ago and was brutally imprisoned and died a martyr because he wanted the 'common man' to have the scriptures. A very unpopular belief with the church back then! **I take this to mean that he is very interested in the bravery of a man who wanted to make truth available at any cost.**

If you think there might be a chance that the UB would ever be adopted by the LDS church, this man is the best hope. The good news is that he is set to become the next church's leader or "Prophet"!

A quick wikipedia lesson on their hierarchy:

"Latter-day Saints believe that Jesus leads the church through revelation and has chosen a single man, called "the Prophet" or President of the Church, as his spokesman on the earth. The current president is Thomas S. Monson. He and two counselors (who usually are ordained apostles) form the First Presidency, the presiding body of the church; twelve other apostles form the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. When a president dies, his successor is invariably the most senior member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (the one who has held an apostleship position the longest), who then reconstitutes a new First Presidency. The current President of the Quorum of the Twelve is Boyd K. Packer."

The chances of Boyd Packer becoming the next 'Prophet' are very good.

He goes on to say "It is by the power of revelation and the gift of the Holy Ghost that those called are guided to know the Lord's will. Others may not accept such things as prophecy, revelation, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, but if they are to understand us at all, they must understand that we accept those things." He wants those who are not LDS to understand that they believe in **revelation**. In my opinion this man is ripe to receive the Urantia Book if he has not already. The Prophet of the LDS church is like the Pope in the Catholic church. When they make a pronouncement about something, it is GOSPEL.

I am going to write to Len McKee today and see if he has contacted this man.

Any other thoughts about this? I like thinking that the "Angels of Progress" have taken the baton from the "Angels of the Churches" when it comes to this revelation. I feel something stirring, not just with UB readers but with all spiritual growth, even in my own life. I wonder how they work in our lives?

Wouldn't it be something if The Urantia Book were adopted by the entire LDS church! whoa!

In Service,

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