

Brief Notices

Eldin Ricks's Thorough Concordance of the LDS Standard Works, by Eldin Ricks, with Charles D. Bush, Junola S. Bush, and L. Kristine N. Ricks (FARMS, 1995)

Eldin Ricks's Thorough Concordance of the LDS Standard Works is a far cry from the thin, pocket-size *Combination Reference* that missionaries carried in the 1960s. This hefty, nine-hundred-page volume "is a concordance of the LDS scriptures comparable to the James Strong Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible—a printed concordance of all occurrences of all words in the scriptural text . . . with a meaningful context phrase" (iii).

For students of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price who have no access to a computer concordance or who find computers inconvenient, inaccessible, or confusing, this hard copy is an amazing resource. It is a concordance that "can go anywhere. . . . It can be taken into the classroom by both teacher and student" (back cover).

Years in the making, the concordance represents an effort begun by Ricks in 1971, when he began inputting the standard works into computer form, using the old key-punched computer cards. Work on

the project went slowly even after Chuck and Junola Bush volunteered to help. In 1992, Ricks asked his daughter-in-law Kristine Ricks to help the Bushes finish the project. Eldin Ricks died a few days later, after reiterating his wish for the completion of the concordance. The publication of this book is the fulfillment of that wish. This book is more than a tool; it is a monument of the study of the holy scriptures.

—Nancy R. Lund

Work, Family, and Religion in Contemporary Society, edited by Nancy Tatom Ammerman and Wade Clark Roof (Routledge, 1995)

This book is a collection of essays mingled with a few demographic and survey data. The contributing scholars from a variety of disciplines share a conviction that the American family is undergoing significant change. The rise of individualism and the large numbers of women entering the labor force during the 1960s and 1970s drastically altered family values. As a consequence, the Ozzie and Harriet family of the 1950s has been replaced by an array of differing marital arrangements. This change does not imply the family is less