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Special Issue on Good Government

We offer this special issue of *BYU Studies Quarterly*, “The Restored Gospel and Good Government,” with the belief that members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have an important role to play in creating, participating in, and promoting good government wherever we live in the world, and that it might be profitable for all of us to carry out a self-check to see how fully our politics and political actions align with our deepest beliefs in the Savior and the gospel. Each article and essay in the issue contains genuinely important ideas about what good government consists of and how it may be achieved. It is not our intention to persuade readers to support any particular political party but to support the principles necessary to maintain the well-being, rights, and religious liberty of all God’s children.

BYU Studies Welcomes Tina Hawley

After interning as an assistant editor for the past two years, Tina Hawley has graduated from BYU and accepted a part-time editor position at *BYU Studies*. Tina has also edited for several publishers, served as the editor in chief of *BYU’s Leading Edge* magazine, and written theater reviews for the nonprofit *Front Row Reviewers*. Her short fiction and poetry have appeared in *Leading Edge* and *Inscape*, and she is currently working on a fantasy novella. She lives in Provo with her husband, David. We have been so impressed with Tina’s editorial skills and personal character that we didn’t want her graduation to signal the end of our relationship with her.

Preview of Issue 61, Number 2

BYU Studies has a long, distinguished history of publishing scholarship that is informed by the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. We exist to promote learning by study and also by faith (D&C 88:118). We believe that questing for further light and knowledge leads, ultimately, to harmony between revelation and research, between academic and spiritual means of knowing, between scripture and science. So, the next issue of *BYU Studies Quarterly* will be dedicated to the theory of evolution in the context of the restored gospel.

In 1931, the First Presidency responded to disagreement among General Authorities about evolution. “Upon the fundamental doctrines of the Church we are all agreed,” the First Presidency said, then reminded the General Authorities that their primary mission was “to bear the message of the restored gospel to the world.” The First Presidency also admonished the General Authorities to “leave geology, biology, archaeology and anthropology, no one of which has to do with the salvation of the souls of mankind, to scientific research” (quoted in the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, <https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/EoM/id/3666/>). The upcoming issue of *BYU Studies Quarterly* offers articles about

what scientific research is and what it is not, as well as an overview of what science has discovered about evolution. This issue likewise offers articles about what scripture is and is not, and about what it has to say about Creation. It also offers historical analysis of what Latter-day Saints have thought about evolution over time, which, it turns out, has evolved. The issue will do all of that in light of, and in fidelity to, revealed truths.

We hope the evolution issue will be widely read, but we intend it primarily for *BYU* students. Its purpose is to educate them about evolution in light of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. We know some of them feel they must choose between truths they learn in science courses and truths they learn in religion courses. We do not claim to know exactly how all those truths relate or reconcile, but we know from our own experience that we need not choose between them. We feel confident that answers will come not by rejecting truths, however incomplete, that we already have; answers will come instead from more research and revelation that refines and explains what is presently known.

Religious Education Student Symposium

On February 18, 2022, *BYU Studies* joined in promoting this year’s Religious Education Student Symposium, at which *BYU* students presented papers on religious topics such as scripture, Church doctrine, family and Church history, or world religions. Papers were selected competitively for the symposium, and many students were awarded cash prizes at the luncheon following the sessions. At the luncheon, Associate Editor Susan Howe gave a brief speech to conference participants, expressing confidence in the rising generation of religious studies scholars, given the variety and depth of their papers, and introducing them to *BYU Studies Quarterly* as a possible venue for their future scholarly work.

Book Version of Volume 60, Number 3 Available for Purchase

BYU Studies Quarterly 60, number 3, *Yet to Be Revealed: Open Questions in Latter-day Saint Theology*, was published in both journal and book form. Copies of the journal are now gone, but we still have copies of the book. If you have family members or friends who might be interested in reading this important publication, you can purchase copies of the book version using the order form on the back of this sheet or from our website.

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Melting the Ice: A History of Latter-day Saints in Alaska,
by Fred E. Woods

363 pages, hardcover \$19.95 \$12.00

Latter-day Saint presence in Alaska began in the early twentieth century when retired doctor Edward Cannon traveled to Nome and started panning for gold and preaching the gospel. From that modest start, Church membership has grown steadily in the Far North, from a few scattered branches to a single stake, then multiple stakes, and, in 1999, the dedication of the Anchorage Alaska Temple.

Taking the Gospel to the Japanese, 1901–2001, edited by Reid L. Neilson and Van C. Gessel

454 pages, hardcover, \$29.95 \$7.00

The first Latter-day Saint missionaries to Japan encountered formidable language, religious, and cultural barriers. After considerable

efforts, Church officials closed the mission in 1924. Later, the gospel was reintroduced in mid-century, when it took root. Since that time, missionaries have baptized many believers, several missions have opened, and two temples have been constructed.

Turning Freud Upside Down 2, edited by Lane Fischer and Aaron P. Jackson

240 pages, softcover \$20.95 \$10.00

An increasing number of psychotherapists reject traditional psychology's marginalization of religion. As in the original *Turning Freud Upside Down*, this second volume looks to Christ's gospel for direction. With a gospel perspective, the authors have questioned some of psychotherapy's standard assumptions and have proposed features that should be found in gospel-compatible psychotherapy.

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