

# REALITY QUEST

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(...continued...)

Joseph Smith then told me that I was chosen to bring about the sealed portion of the gold plates of Mormon which he did not translate while he was on earth. He explained many things to me about the wickedness of the Saints in his time; and that the Lord saw fit to take him from among them, because they would not hearken to his commands and abide by his teachings. I asked why I had been chosen for this work and what would be required of me. Joseph responded that I was one of the very few who could not be affected by the material things of this world. He told me that I would be tested many times in the future to see if I would be willing to sacrifice all, even my own life if necessary, for the sake of the kingdom of God.

At this point I began to express my doubts and my unworthiness to do such a thing. I was assured by my grandfather that I would have not been chosen unless I could accomplish the work given unto me.

A flash of light appeared directly between me and Joseph Smith; and to my surprise, there were the gold plates of Mormon. I didn't dare touch them, but was instructed to do so by the Prophet. I slowly turned each leaf and was astonished at the preciseness of the writing. As I turned the pages, I thought about how much these plates would be worth. No sooner had I thought these things, than Joseph warned me that this temptation would always be with me as it was with him; that I should cast it out of my mind if it ever came again. As I sat in front of these two spiritual beings, I was embarrassed greatly for what I had thought.

Both of these men were dressed in white robes which covered their whole bodies except for their ankles, wrists, and neck line. The robes were tied by a white sash similar to the sash used in the temple ceremony. They were both very pleasant to look at, and my fear of them was at this point completely gone.

I then received many instructions and was told that I would lose all my friends, family, and close associations before I would be ready to present the *Sealed Portion* to the world. I asked them how this was going to come about; whether I should tell my family and friends, or what.

I was instructed to leave Church Security and give no indication as to why or tell anyone what had taken place. I was not even to tell my wife, for she was to be tested to prove her worthiness to me. I was told that I would travel extensively in preparation to do this work; that I would be known as an apostate of the Church, and that I should allow the Church to do with me as they wished, for their sake. I was told that I would be given many opportunities to meet those who were being prepared at this time to aid me in this work, but I was cautioned to test each one, so as not to be deceived or betrayed by them. I was instructed in many other things which I can not reveal at this time.

I wondered greatly about the condition of the Church and the righteousness of its leaders, seeing as that was the cause for my prayers which led to the heavenly vision. Joseph Smith proceeded to quote me some scripture which he told me to remember and present to the world along with the sealed portion when it was ready to come forth. I asked if I would translate the record myself, or if it would be given to me by someone else. I was told that I could not translate the record, for it was the position and authority of Joseph Smith to do so. He told me that when the time came for the record to come forth, that he would visit me from time to time and give me the translation thereof. I expressed my doubts in that I would be mocked because of my claims; and not having the plates to prove to the world that they exist would greatly hinder the work. Joseph laughed a most sincere laugh and my grandfather smiled profusely. Joseph replied, "Do ye think that your persecutions will be any greater than mine were?" At this I laughed and began to understand.

Three years passed by and I went through some tremendous experiences. Indeed I have been alienated from all my loved ones. I have become totally unattached to all worldly possessions and filial relationships. I was given tremendous wisdom and knowledge, and instructed to do many things which



would help me accomplish the work which I had been given to do. I was put in jail twice, changed my name, and rejected by the Church as an apostate.

At this time I was again visited by Joseph Smith and I began to write down the translation of the sealed portion of the plates of Mormon, given to me by the mouth of the prophet, Joseph Smith.

After this first visit in which I commenced the translation of the sealed portion, I was overcome with tremendous pride and arrogance at the greatness of the things which I had written and the calling I had received. I made some bad mistakes in my arrogance and almost lost my soul in the process. However, the Lord has tremendous patience and mercy, and before long, I was again visited by Joseph Smith and the *Sealed Portion* will finally come the world to all those who are ready and willing to receive it.

The following are the scriptures which Joseph Smith quoted me during our first meeting, which I was told to ponder and remember:

*"For they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon, the great which shall fall."*

(D&C 1:15-16)

*"They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err because they are taught the precepts of men."*

(II Nephi 28:14)

*"And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts; and there are none save a few only who do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of very fine apparel, unto envying, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and all manner of iniquities; and your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts."*

*For behold, ye do love money, and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted."*

*O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls? Your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts. For behold, ye do love money, and your substance and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted. O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the holy name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the praise of the world. Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life, and yet suffer the hungry, and the needy, and the naked, and the sick and the afflicted to pass by you, and notice them not? Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that the widows should mourn before the Lord, and also the orphans to mourn before the Lord..."*

(The Book of Mormon, Mormon, chapter 8, verses 28 - 41)

Thus ends my story which I could have used to present my scripture to the world.

No one would ever know if my statement and experience were true or not. Joseph Smith's claims were just as extravagant. Millions believe his story, and millions more think it's untrue. Myth or no myth, it has proven to be a great catalyst in the lives of many. Just as Joseph's *Book of Mormon* has given a purpose and hope to many peoples, I hoped that my "*Sealed Portion*" would do the same.

## CHAPTER SIX

### The Sealed Portion of the Gold Plates

#### TITLE PAGE

#### THE VISION AND WORDS OF THE BROTHER OF JARED



## WRITTEN AND SEALED UP BY MORONI, THE SON OF MORMON

Therefore, these things shall remain sealed and hidden from the eyes of all men except it be those unto whom the Lord shall command. And I, Moroni, have written upon these plates the things which the Brother of Jared saw. And it came to pass that the Lord commanded me that I should seal up these things; that in the day that one shall be found worthy, even one who shall demonstrate faith in the Lord, even as the Brother of Jared did upon the mount; these things shall be delivered unto him with the interpreters thereof. And a commandment I give unto he who shall receive these things, that he shall leave this portion of the plates sealed until the day cometh that he shall receive a commandment of the Lord to translate them. And thou shalt translate these things by the gift and power of God. Therefore, I have sealed up the interpreters according to the commandment of the Lord; that thou wilt be able to translate therewith.

And he that will contend against these things, let him be accursed; and also he that shall deny these things, let him also be accursed; for unto them I will show no greater things, saith the Lord. For in that day that men shall begin to exercise faith in me, even as the Brother of Jared did, then will I manifest unto them these things, even unto the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith the Lord, even Jesus Christ.

Come unto the God of Israel, O ye Gentiles, and he will show unto you the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief. Come unto the Lord of Hosts and it shall be made manifest unto you the great things which the Father hath laid up for you from the foundation of the world, and it has not come unto you because of unbelief.

Behold, when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief which causes you to remain in your awful state of wickedness, and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then shall the great and marvelous things which have been hidden from the foundation of the world from you, shall be made known unto you. Therefore, when ye shall receive this record of the writings of the Brother of Jared, then shall ye know that the work of the Father has commenced upon the face of all the earth. And if ye shall call upon the Father in the name of Jesus with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then ye shall know that the Father has remembered the covenants which he has made unto the house of Israel.

**TRANSLATED BY JOSEPH SMITH JR.**

**(Given through Christopher M. Nemelka, as received directly from Joseph Smith)**

## THE VISION OF THE BROTHER OF JARED

*The vision which the Brother of Jared saw upon the mount where the Lord manifested himself unto him and commanded him to write the things which were shown unto him. The vision contains the history of man since the beginning; the history since the time of Adam and the fall. These writings have been sealed up and come forth at the appointed time of the Lord; a time in which all things shall be revealed unto the children of men according to their faith, which causeth them to work righteousness. Behold, I, Moroni, have written these things upon these plates which I have made with my own*



hands; and I have sealed this part that it may be kept from the eyes of the world until this time. And I say unto all those who shall receive these things, Repent, for the coming of the Lord in his glory is nigh, and all those who reject these things and heed them not, shall be damned. I am Moroni, the son of Mormon, and I finish the commandment the Lord has given unto me.

## CHAPTER 1

*Moroni writes the things revealed to the Brother of Jared- He testifies that Jesus Christ came to the Nephites- He exhorts all to have faith and obey the commandments of God.*

And now I, Moroni, proceed to write the great and marvelous things which the Lord has made manifest unto the Brother of Jared.

2 I write these things according to the commandment of the lord, in the which He has commanded me saying, A commandment I have given unto thee, that thou shalt write the things which I have shown unto the Brother of Jared at the time he presented himself before me and manifested great faith in my name; evensomuch that I could no withhold my spirit from him.

3 And agian, a commandment I give unto thee, that thou shall include these things with the record of my people who are the children of Lehi, who came out of Jerusalem, whose seed is a remnant of the house of Israel.

4 Behold, I have prepared these two stones as interpreters insomuch as I have caused the language of the Jaredites to be confounded. This I have done to hide these things from the eyes of the world. For behold, there are none, save a few only, who have faith enough to behold the things the Brother of Jared saw.

5 For behold, I have shown unto him all the inhabitants of the world which have been, and all those which shall live

upon the earth on which thou standest. Behold, I could not withhold them from his sight, even unto the ends of the earth.

6 For behold, I have covenanted with man from the beginning that if it so be that they exercise faith in me and keep my commandments in all things, believing that I can show unto them the mysteries of godliness, behold, I will come unto them by the power of the Holy Ghost; and He shall teach them whatsoever their hearts desire, if it so be that they ask in righteousness.

7 Nevertheless, thou shalt seal up the words of the Brother of Jared until I have manifested myself in the flesh unto my people.

8 Behold, I Moroni, have written the things which the Lord has commanded me. Upon these plates which I have formed with my own hands, I have given an account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

9 Behold, I have truly manifested herein that Jesus did come unto his people. Not only did he visit the Jews who were his people at Jerusalem, but behold, he manifested himself unto my fathers according to the promises which he has made unto them; for my fathers were separated from the Jews at Jerusalem through the mercy and for the purposes of the Lord.

10 Therefore, I Moroni, write the words of the Brother of Jared according to the commandment which the Lord has given me. Nevertheless, these things shall be sealed up and will not be given to the

