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A Record of the Mighty Dead on This Continent to Be Preserved

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Abstract: This article claims that “external evidence of the historical credibility and truth of the Book of Mormon” is found in the reconstruction of ruins in Mexico and Central America. Two pyramids found in Mexico and the ruins of a great city that existed three to four thousand years ago bear witness of a great civilization.

provided by the College right on the campus. The third group of girls from eight to sixteen, were cared for in a similar way.

During the entire encampment, the Department of Dairy Husbandry maintained a milk and butter-milk bar for the visitors.

Judging contests for the farm bureau championship of Utah in livestock and grain-judging were held, and a hat and dress making contest was conducted for the women. The encampment was brought to an exciting close on the afternoon of August 5 by a baseball game for the Farm Bureau Championship of the State.

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And I will show unto this people that I had other sheep, and that they were a branch of the house of Jacob;

And I will bring to light their marvelous works, which they did in my name. (Doctrine and Covenants 10:60, 61.)

More external evidence of the historical credibility and truth of the Book of Mormon is seen in the fact that an appropriation of \$50,000 has been approved by the Mexican Government through President Obregon for the reconstruction of the *Ruins of San Juan De Teotihuacan*.

San Juan is the site of the two great pyramids in Mexico, one to the sun and the other to the moon. Adjacent to these pyramids scientists have discovered a buried city which is said to have flourished probably three or four thousand years ago.

The reconstruction of these great pyramids built by ancient civilizations around San Juan has more than passing significance to the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in that the boy prophet Joseph Smith made record of the existence of extensive and highly developed civilizations on this continent long before modern research and scientists definitely came to these conclusions.

Increasing evidence continues to come forth, declaring the authenticity and inspiration of the Book of Mormon, showing that the population of Central America was at one time very dense, and a high degree of civilization attained, by some experts declared to be higher even than that of Europe in the time of Columbus, and as in the old world, empire succeeded empire, until the last great battles extinguished them. Today

the remnants of the tribes of the American Indians are part of what is left to tell the story.

Modern research declares that the great pyramids of San Juan now to be repaired by the Mexican Government furnish matter of admiration to all intelligent persons, in that they together with nearly all the ancient works found in this country are built pointing to the four cardinal points and that these great pyramids were used exclusively for astronomical observations as were the pyramids of Egypt.

We are over-joyed in confirmation of these facts when we read in the Book of Mormon evidence that the Nephites had a knowledge of modern astronomy concerning the movement of the earth and the planetary system, and we feel to concur with the noted scientists of today that the ancients had a knowledge of many of the scientific facts that were later discovered by Copernicus, Kepler and others.

Congratulations to the Mexican government for its desire to preserve a record of the mighty dead on this continent; and, in the words of Ruskin, "The time has come when those building stones are to be held sacred because their hands have touched them."

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Alphabet of Suggestive Definitions

- Accuracy*—very often means honesty
Brilliance—flashlight knowledge.
Concentration—directed attention.
Diligence—constant exertion.
Enthusiasm—torchlight animation.
Faith—an awakener of duty.
Gumption—active energy.
Honor—right, not sidetracked.
Intelligence—knowledge made useful.
Judgment—adaptable knowledge.
Know—to comprehend and remember.
Learning—the bare facts.
Manners—usually rightful passport.
Nowhere—a place to get away from.
Opportunity—chance made good.
Perseverance—taking hold, holding on, and never letting go.
Qualification—thorough preparation.
Resourceful—what to do next.
Successful—doers not sayers only.
Tact—best way of performance.
Useful—ability to do what needs to be done.
Valiant—enthusiastically obedient.
Wisdom—judicious judgment.
Exertion—moving power that counts.
Yearning—longing, active desire.
Zest—the power that accomplishes.

—James D. Todd