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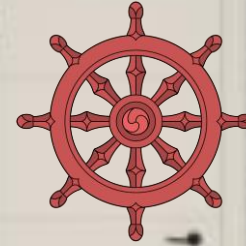
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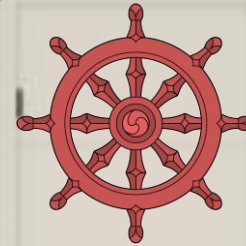
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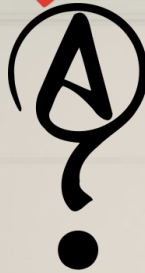
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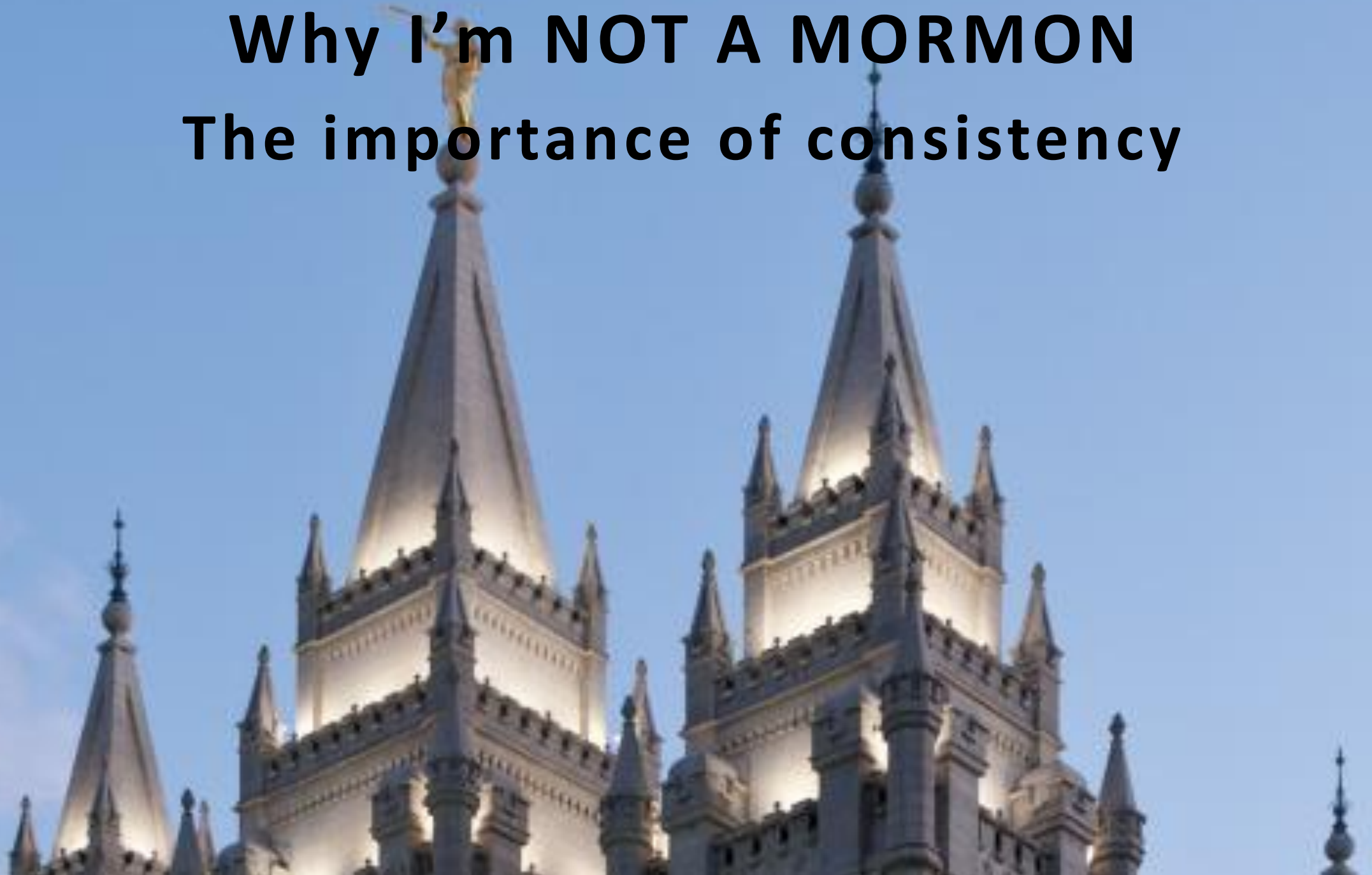


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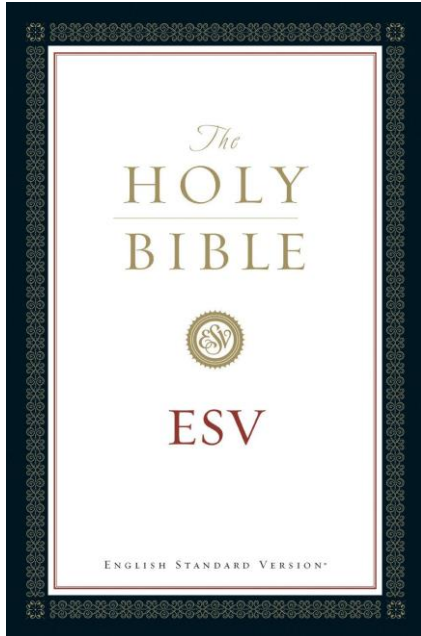
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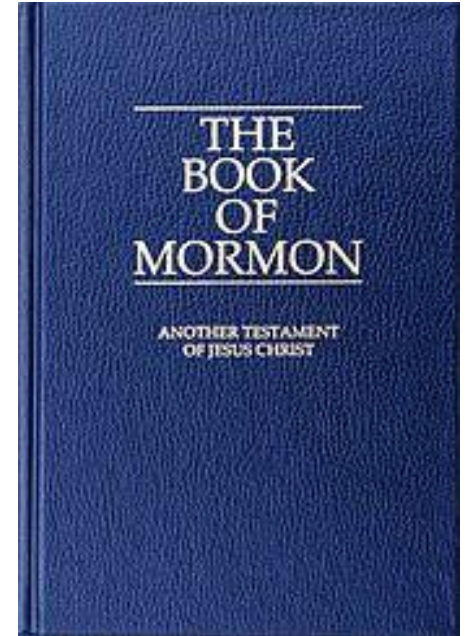


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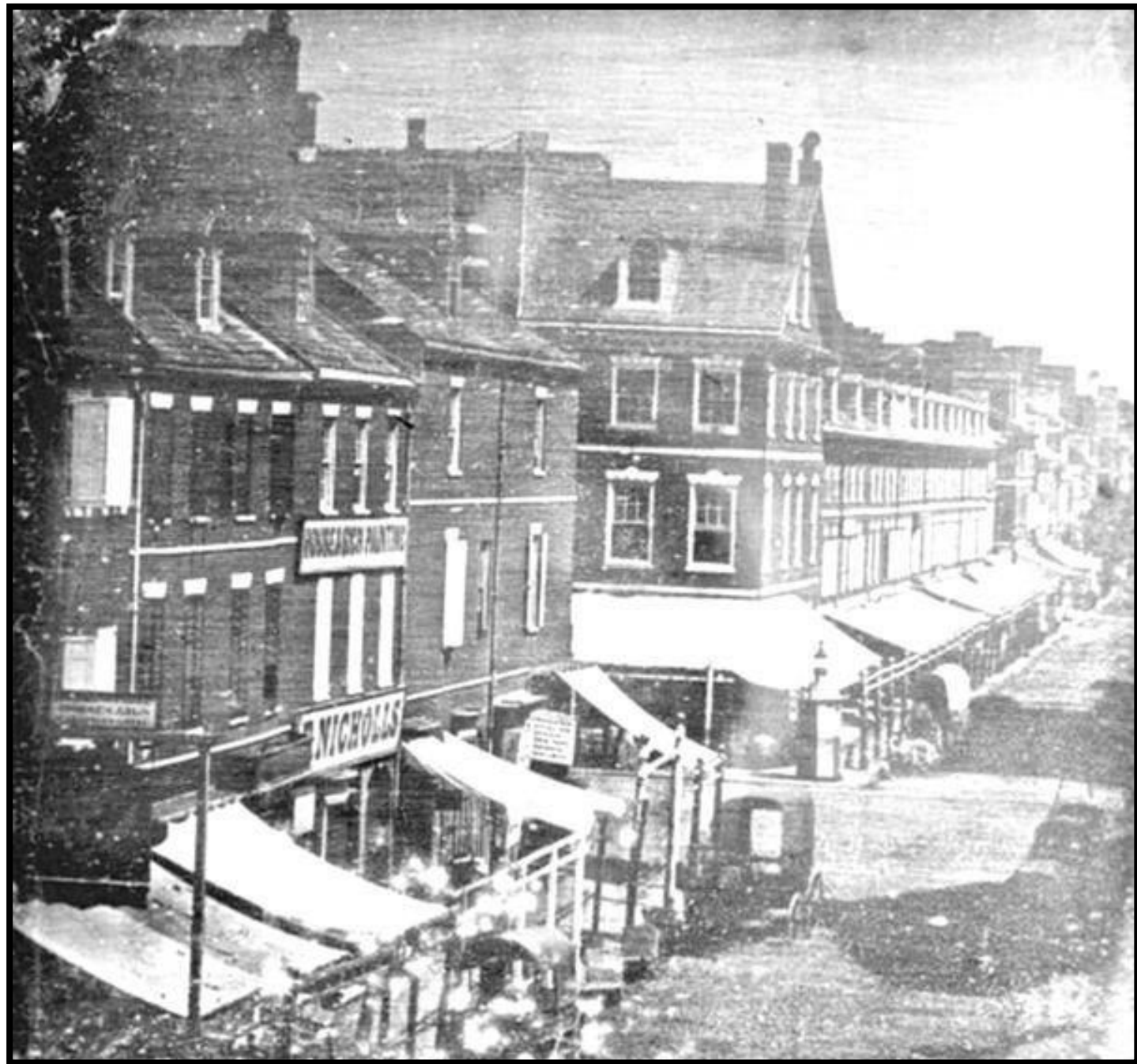
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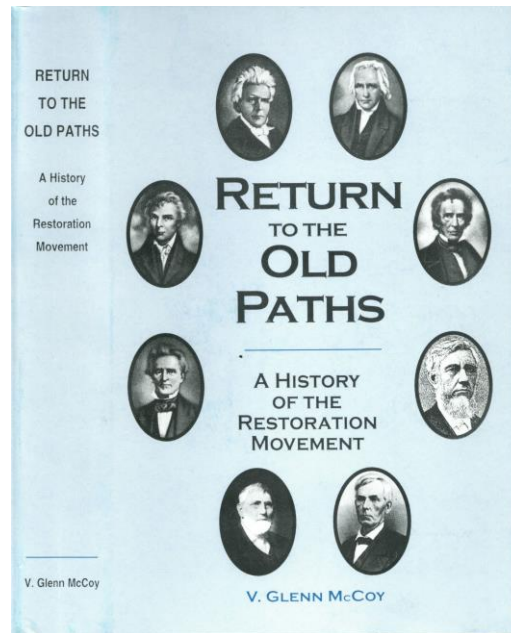
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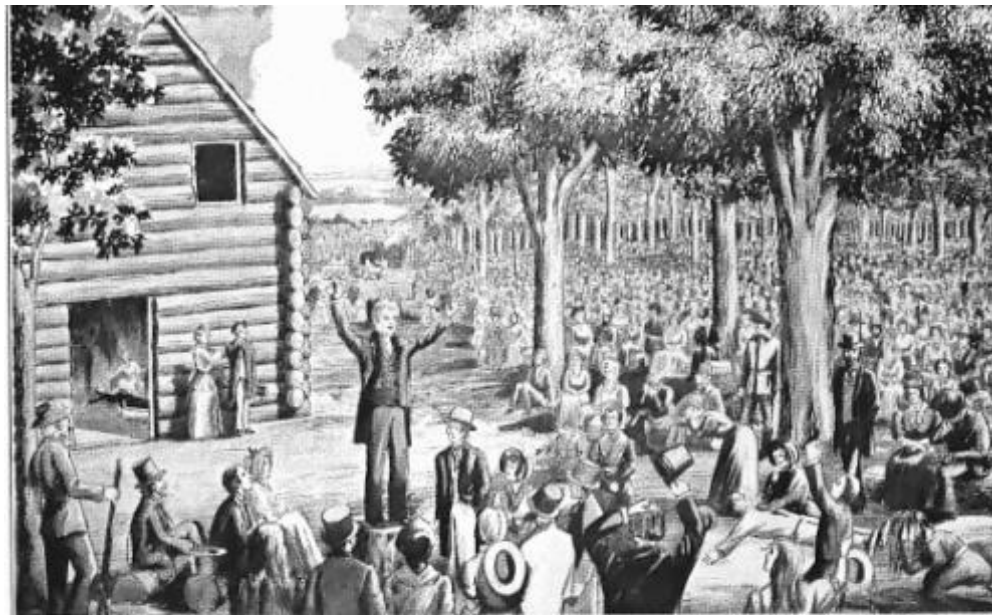
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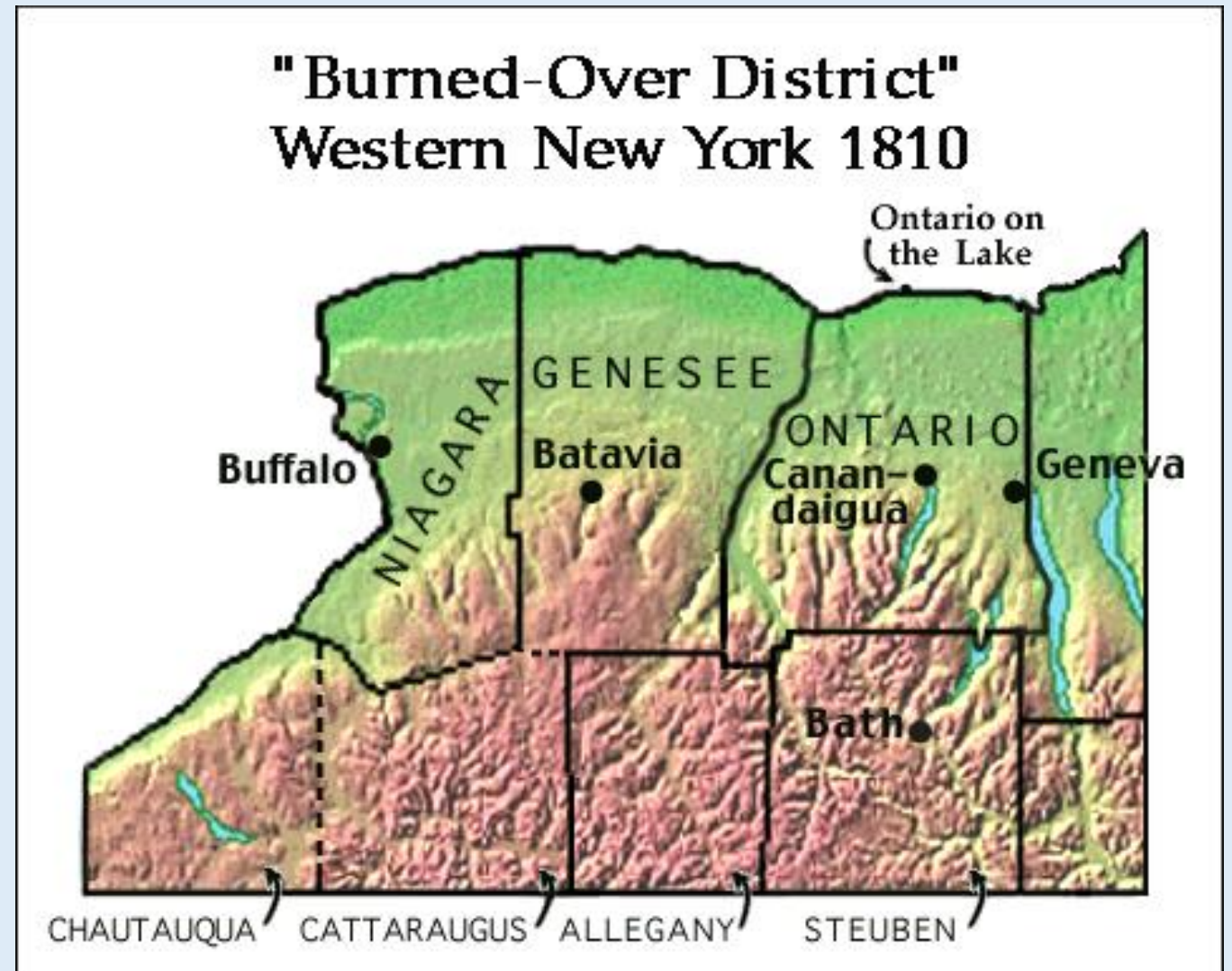
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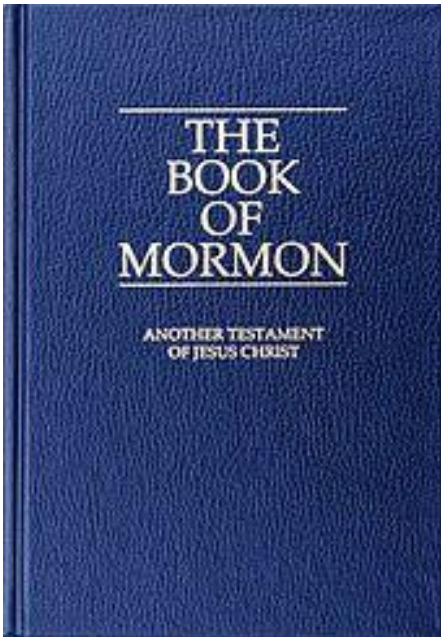
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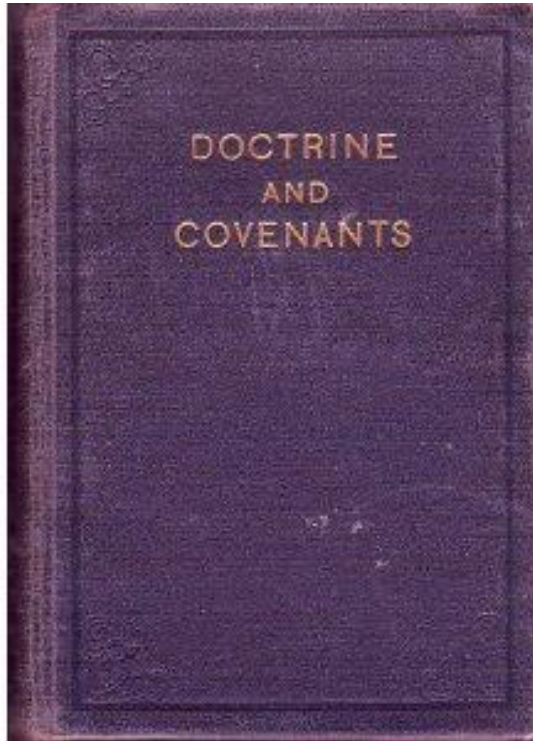
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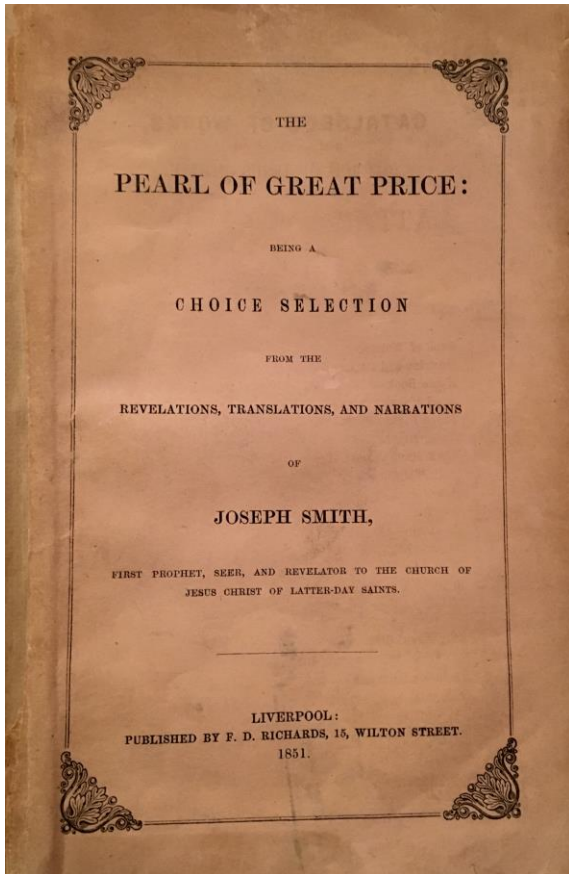
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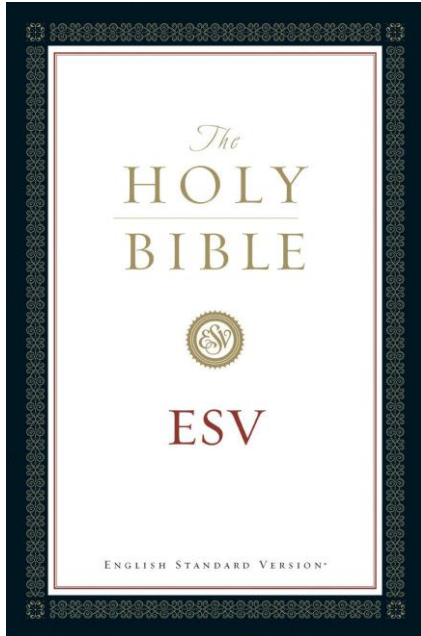
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More sayings and teaching of Smith, including his “translation” of different parts of the Bible and Mormon “Articles of Faith”

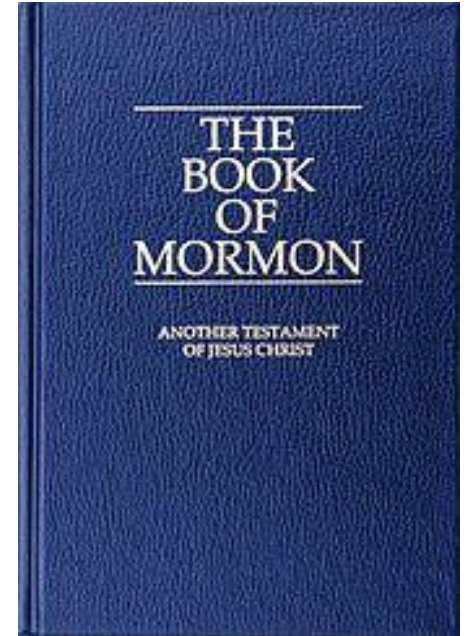


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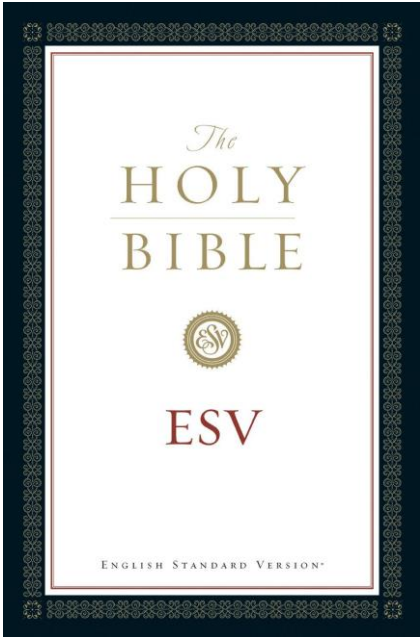
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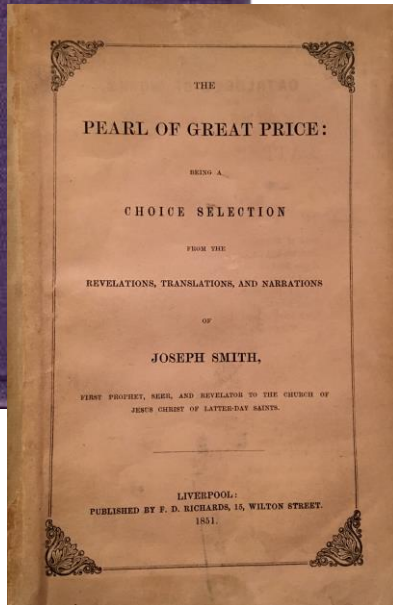
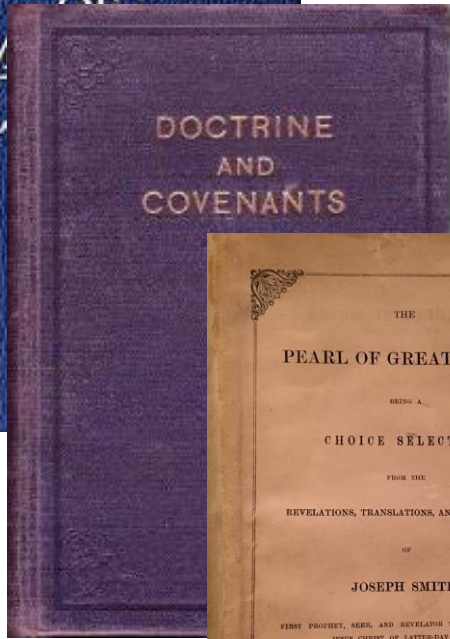
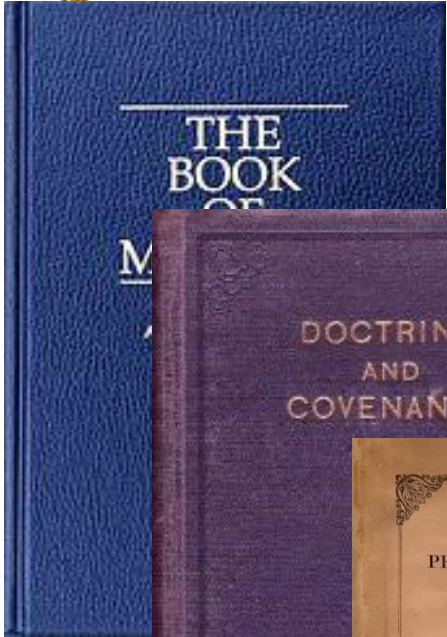
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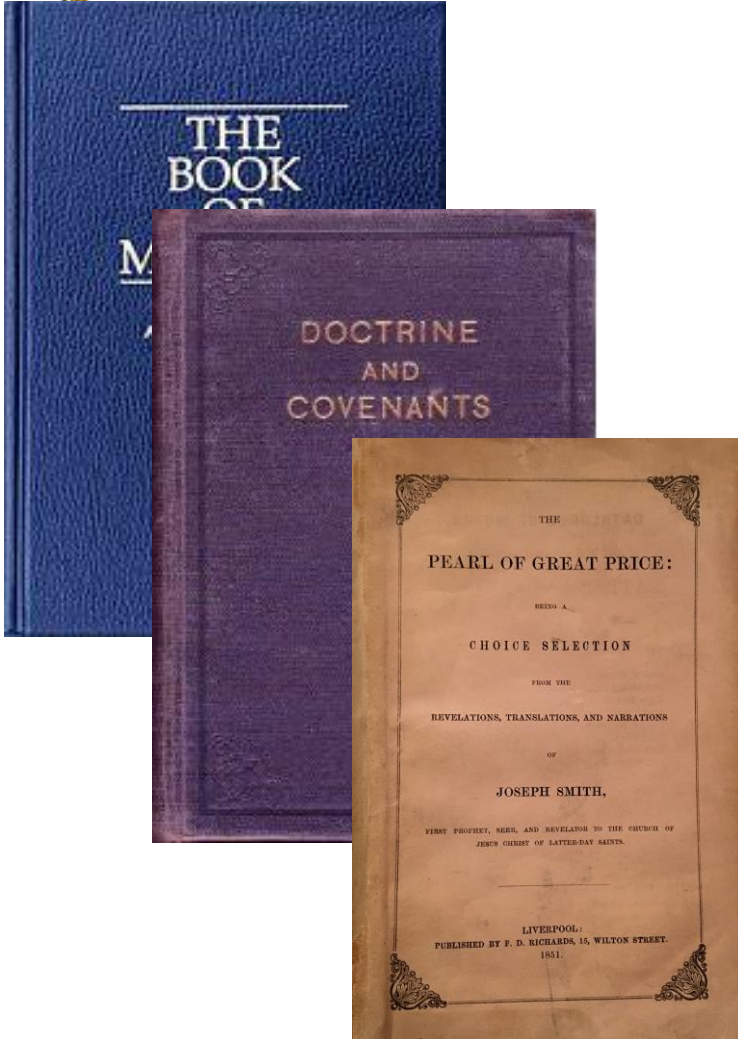
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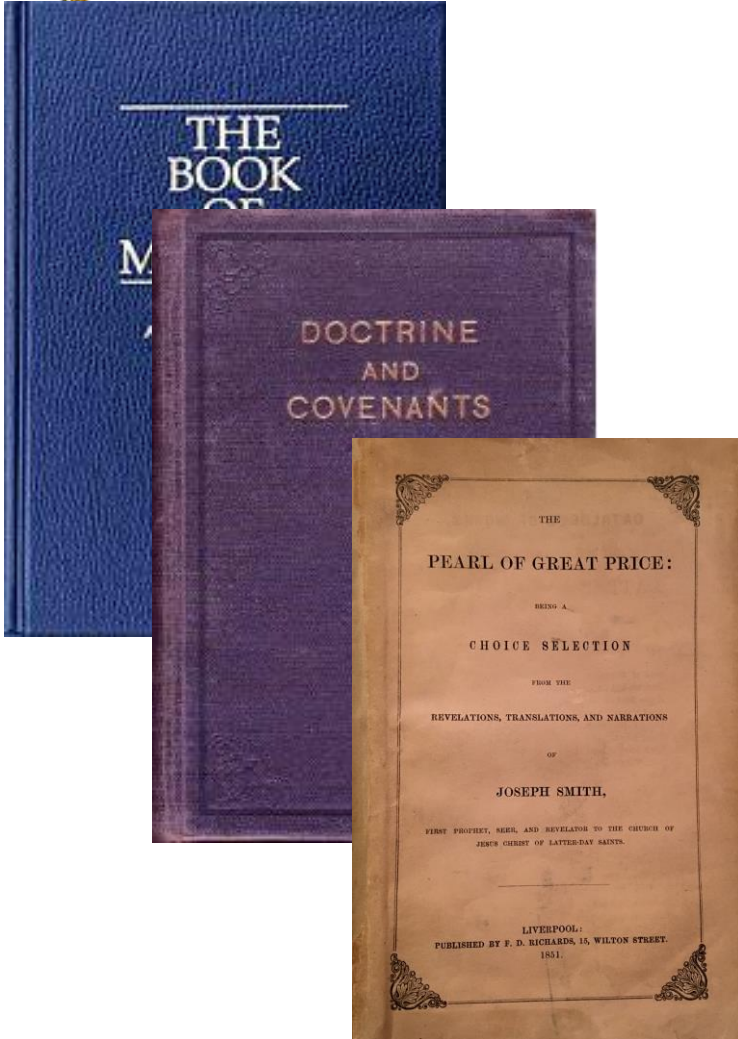




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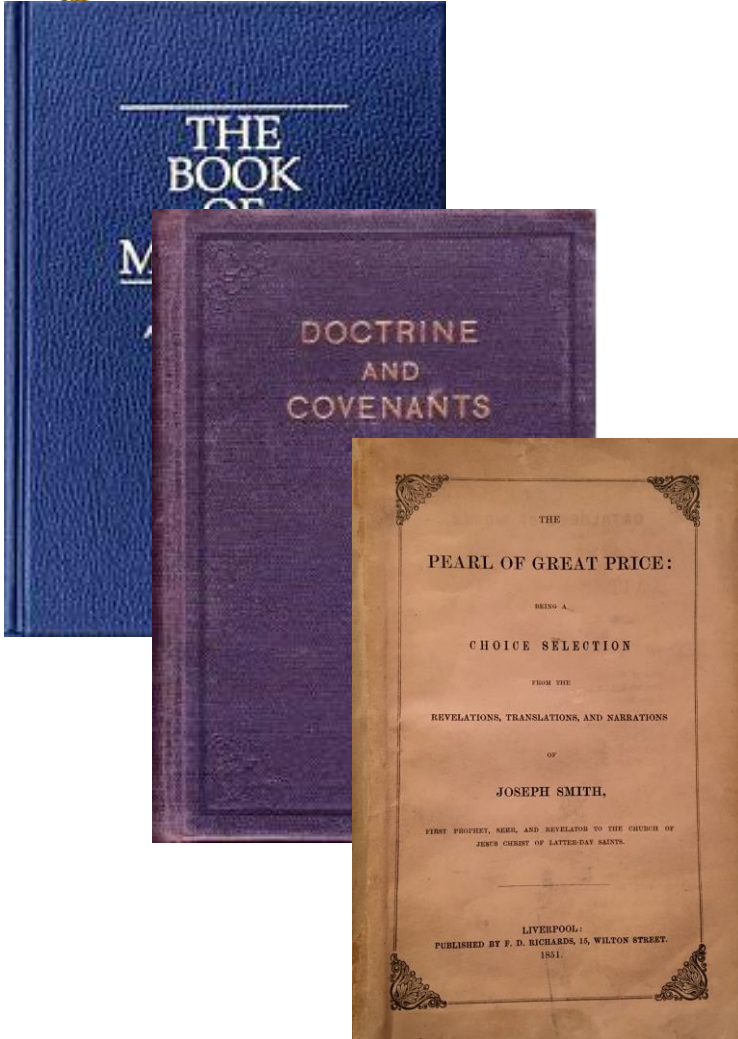


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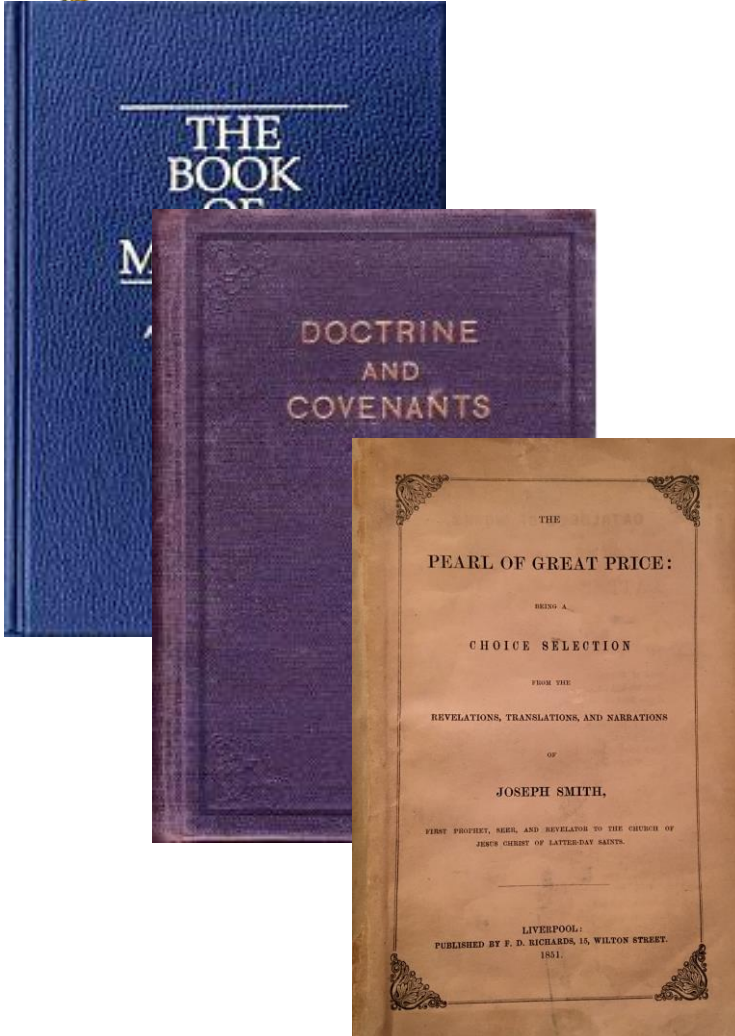
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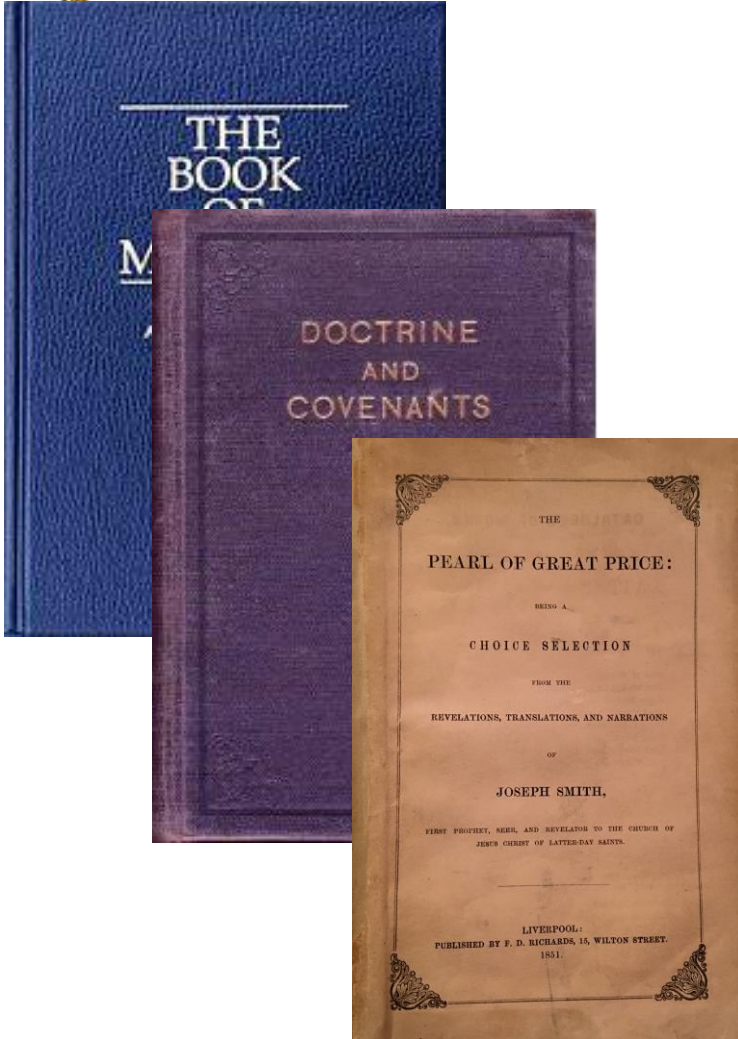
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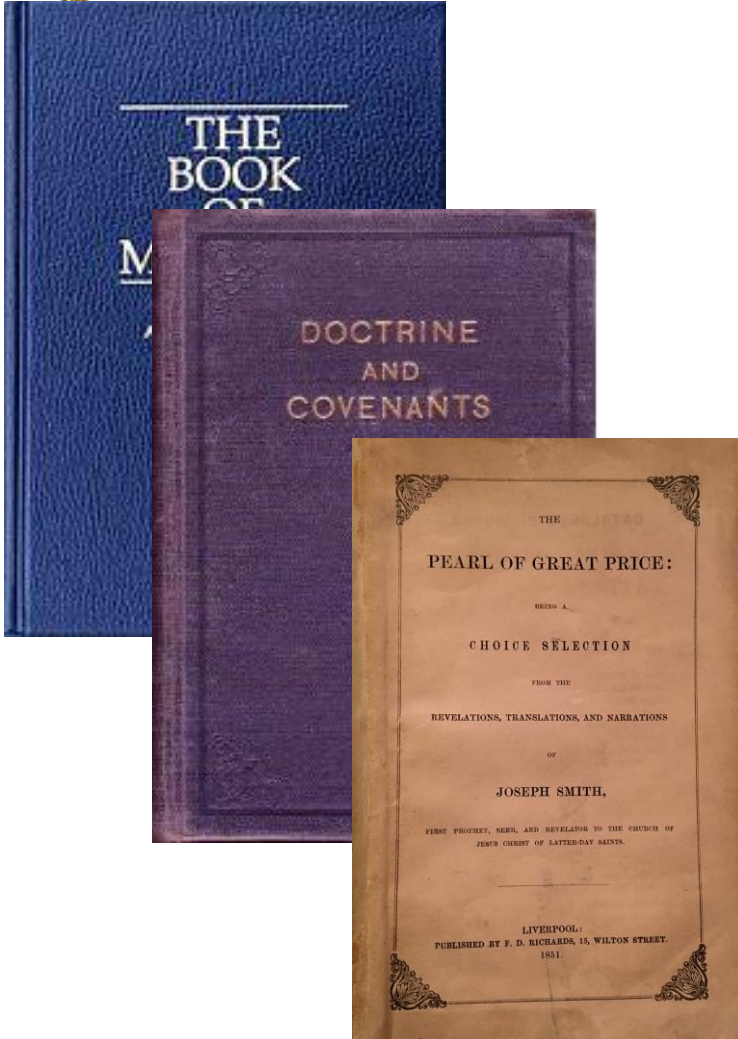
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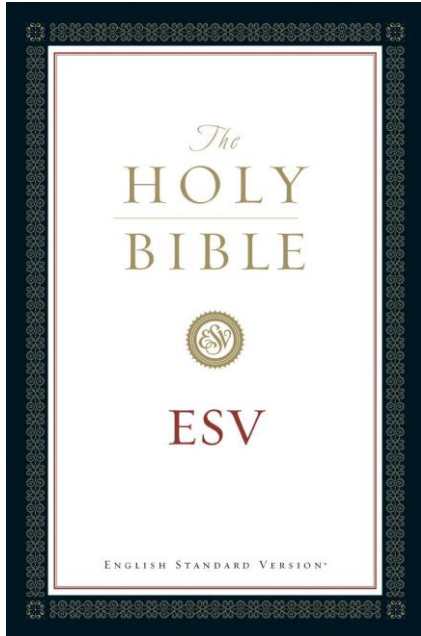
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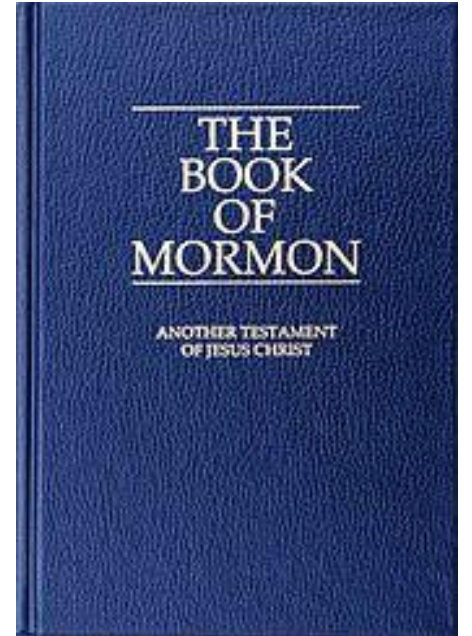


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English Standard Version

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Joseph Smith Translation

“In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God.”

Greek Text

“ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος,
καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν,
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος”

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