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M. D. Rogers, Aff.; J. J. Cornish, Neg.

### SECOND THREE NIGHTS:

Resolved, That the teachings of the Reorganized Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are in harmony with the  
teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles of eighteen hun-  
dred years ago, both in respect to doctrine and organization.  
J. J. Cornish, Aff.; M. D. Rogers, Neg.

### THIRD THREE NIGHTS:

Resolved, That the teachings of the Church of Christ,  
of which I, M. D. Rogers, am a member, are in harmony  
with the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ and his  
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## TO THE READER.

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The arrangement of the work that I present to you is all that I claim. The work was written from the "notes" of J. J. Cornish, one of the disputants, which he took from M. D. Rogers, his opponent's language during the debate, although the language herein used is in the dress that I have given it, yet, in many instances, I have used the language almost verbatim as it was given from the stand. I do not wish to be charged with misrepresenting either side, so I declare, that what I have here presented to the public is the truth, and in the language of Paul, "Behold, before God, I lie not."—Gal. 1:20.

Now, dear reader, whatever your faith may be, be honest with yourselves, be honest with the disputants and be honest with the word of God. If you read this pamphlet, take your Bible, and without any deviations whatever, look up all the references here given, and when you are through, see if you can not answer "yes" to this question: Are the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles, both in respect to (form) organization and doctrine? If they are not, tell us, for we are striving to make them so.

Reader, do you believe in Paul's teachings in Acts 19:5, 6? Look it up and see; also in Rom. 8:16-18? Rom. 14:11? Do you believe in Paul's teachings in 1st Cor. 12:3-12? also in 1st Cor. 14:37-40? also Gal. 1:8-12? Some of them,

you say; well, if not all, what part of it are you going to throw away? If you say that some of it does not apply to us to-day, and thus leave a part of the Scripture out, then I have the same right to throw the other "some of it" away, and by the same authority that you have, I can say that NONE of it applies to us to-day. Now, if you do not believe all that Paul says, see, then, if you do believe what the Jews say regarding Paul in Acts 18:12, 13. "Why, no!" you say, "I do not believe that;" well then, will you answer to your own satisfaction, what part of the Bible or gospel you will accept.

I think that after a careful examination of the "hinge points" in these three subject before you, you will agree with me that Paul and all other writers in the Bible are to be obeyed, or else the whole Bible is a "fraud."

I hope that the reader will not criticise the following lines, but the scriptural texts referred to. Let us search the scriptures; "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." —1 Thess. 5:21.

May God help us in our searches after the divine truths and help us to accept them when they are presented to us.

J. C. M.

## FIRST THREE NIGHTS:

Resolved, That Joseph Smith was not a prophet of God.  
M. D. Rogers, Aff.; J. J. Cornish, Neg.

## FIRST NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

Old Joe Smith, was he a prophet?  
Bold impostor from the first!  
Mormonism! false delusion,  
From the realms of peace did burst.  
Smith received a revelation,  
Of the things no men yet know!  
Prophecies? why they are ended! —1st Cor., 13:8.  
Prophets? dead, yes, long ago!  
Book of Mormon?—Spaulding Story,  
Stolen, just to blind men's eyes.  
“Covenants?” some Mormon's writing,  
Now, they say, man prophesies.  
Angels back to earth have wandered?  
Can't believe a word they say;  
I'm quite young, but yet, too aged,  
To be swindled in this way.

CORNISH:

By our fruits, all men shall know us,  
Whether we be good or bad; —Matt. 7:20  
Joseph Smith, was he a prophet?  
Judge by what thus far we've had.  
He has come as God directed; —Isa. 29:9-16.  
Lebanon is a fruitful field: —Isa. 29:17-24.  
Shall we trust in man's monition,  
Or, to God's great counsel yield?  
Angels have to earth descended;  
One, the keys and power brought, —Rev. 14:6.  
For, to God they had been taken, —Rev. 12:5.  
Since man them had put to naught.  
Here we state, the Book of Mormon  
Is of origin divine,  
Witnesses we have who tell it, —Three, and eight.  
And to them our ears incline. —1 John 5:9

ROGERS:

By their fruits all men shall know them  
 This we do not doubt at all,  
 For, their false, deluded doctrine,  
 Is a curse to great and small.  
 Yes, Smith found a golden bible,  
 Claims an angel took him there,  
 But it proved a Spaulding Story,  
 And I'll prove it fair and square.  
 This man Spaulding wrote a romance,  
 Of our aborigines,  
 Only wrote a frantic story,  
 Just the giddy mind to please.  
 Then Joe Smith, to make sensation,  
 Steals this book, (a bible, mind)  
 Published it throughout the nations,  
 For a snare to all mankind.

CORNISH:

My opponent says, "false doctrine,"  
 Says our teaching is a fraud:  
 How, my brother, can you say so?  
 'Tis a statement very broad.  
 Read your Bible in Isaiah, —Isa. 29:12.  
 Learn the story there as told,  
 Of the book we claim is with us,  
 Spoken of by men of old.  
 Note the time, there's no mistaking, —Just before Lebanon  
 Lebanon is a fruitful field: becomes fruitful.  
 What we teach, if 'tis in error,  
 Then God has his law repealed.  
 Read Ezekiel of the scattered, — Ezek. 11:14-20.  
 How that they shall gathered be,  
 But, according to Isaiah,  
 Not until "TRUTH" man shall see. Isa. 29:11, and  
 Psa. 85:11.



## SECOND NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

Think of Joe Smith as a prophet,  
 When a devil he'd cast out,  
 Lets a black cat from a grain sack,  
 For the dogs to chase about;  
 Joseph Smith and Johnny Taylor, —In '48; Joseph Smith  
 On ma Taylor lay their hands, died in 44.  
 Here, a miracle's expected,  
 "Sickness leave!" old Joe commands.  
 Here are witnesses to prove this;  
 Prove old Joe Smith is a fraud.  
 But, my brother cannot stand it,  
 Thinks my statement rather broad.  
 This is that vain stuff, religion,  
 Old hobgoblin I must take,  
 And if I don't turn out Mormon,  
 I am damned for justice' sake.

CORNISH:

Why, my brother, make this statement,  
 As a proof againts this man?  
 Take your good authentic history,  
 Prove your statement if you can.  
 Chambers' New Encyclopedia,  
 Proves your statements are not true.  
 Bring us records of good standing,  
 For, dime novels will not do.  
 As for bealing granny Taylor,  
 Joseph Smith was dead four years,  
 Ere your witness here before us,  
 Claims this fraud healing appears,  
 Yet, you take him as a witness,  
 Holding what you know is wrong;  
 You could prove Christ an impostor,  
 With such witnesses along.

## ROGERS:

I could prove Christ an impostor!  
 What has my opponent done?  
 Stuck Joe Smith up here before us,  
 Calls him "the God favored one."  
 He would have us take for granted,  
 That this bible Smith has found,  
 Is the book in Revelations, —Rev. 5:1-14.  
 Sure the man's mind is not sound,  
 "Who so great this book shall open?"  
 Old Joe Smith, of course, was there,  
 With his plug hat and his peep stone, —Urim and Thummim  
 Of its contents did declare.  
 Thus, we have the Book of Mormon,  
 Imposition upon man!  
 Prove it is divinely given,  
 I'll believe it if you can.

## CORNISH:

Joseph Smith should not be censured,  
 For what God has said should be;  
 That he had thus filled the pattern,  
 Surely, brother, you can see,  
 Joseph was unlearned, that answers;     Isa. 29:12.  
 He was young in years, that's true;     Zach. 2:3-5.  
 Lebanon, now, doth yield her increase,  
 Proof for this needs nothing new.  
 Where's the book Isaiah speaks of,  
 If the one we have must fail?  
 If you have none, then Isaiah,  
 Must have told an idle tale,  
 When the book came that was promised, —Isa. 29:12  
 Lebanon was deprived of rain;  
 Yet, "a little while," 'tis stated, —Isa. 29:17.  
 She shall bring forth fruit again.

## THIRD NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

Joseph Smith, a good old prophet!

Heads some Danites in the West, —In 1857; died in 1844.

Seeks to rob them of their fortunes,

And, to slay them, does his best.

Armed with rifles and with pistols,

Comes upon a train of men,

Takes from them food and protection,

Turns them, helpless, lose again. —Buffalo Bill.

This a prophet! men, take warning!

For, false prophets are to be, —Mark 13: 22.

And, Joe Smith's as big a swindle,

As this world did ever see,

Now then, must we take this Mormon,

As a prophet, or a fraud?

Who has been a thief, a robber, —Assertion without proof.

And, has lived as one out-lawed.

CORNISH:

Why, my brother, make such statements?

Joseph died in "forty-four," —A. Cody (Buffalo Bill)

But, where argument's against him, born in 1845, one

You'll abuse him more and more. year after Joseph's

Why thus falsify your statements, death.

Can't you tell enough that's true?

Can't you find enough in history,

Without reading novels through?

If the facts are what your after,

Take good history on your side;

Buffalo Bill and old apostates

Are no use to you as guides.

Enemies of Christ did slay him;

That proves naught to you and me,

And, since enemies slew Joseph,

That's no evidence from thee.

## THIRD NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

ROGERS:

Then I can't take what condemns you,  
 Or you'll sneak out, "in that sense."  
 Must I come to my opponent,  
 To get "posted" for defense?  
 What is good authentic history?  
 "Any standard work," you say?  
 Well, I claim that's what I'm using,  
 But, you say, "throw that away."  
 Then don't bring that Book of Mormon  
 As an evidence again;  
 Take the Bible for your reference,  
 And you'll hunt for Joe in vain.  
 If God ever had intended  
 That Joe Smith should prophesy,  
 He'd have put him in the Bible,  
 Just the same as Malachi.

CORNISH:

Where's the evidence, kind people,  
 That's been given us to-night,  
 That substantiates one statement  
 That my brother says is right?  
 He has proven simply nothing,  
 Save what enemies have said,  
 And, the most of this, remember,  
 Came since Joseph Smith is dead.  
 "Mormon frauds" and "false delusions,"  
 Seem to be their greatest cry,  
 And, could they annihilate us,  
 They themselves would swear to die.  
 Why is it the world does hate us?  
 Read St. John, he tells us why, —St. John 15: 18, 19.  
 For, we are of Jesus chosen,  
 Who for man came here to die.

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Bro. Cornish here asked Mr. Rogers to be as reasonable with him on Bible proof in favor of Joseph as he would have him to be in proving John the Baptist or any other prophet. Isa. 40:3, speaking of John, but does not mention his name. Isa. 53:4-8 and Psalms 22:18, speaking of Jesus Christ, yet his name is not mentioned. Jer. 17:5, 6, speaking of Brigham Young, yet his name is not mentioned. So with Joseph Smith in Isa. 29th chapter, etc. The man who fills the prophecy is the one meant by the prophets, though his name is not mentioned.

## SECOND PROPOSITION.

Resolved, That the teachings of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles of eighteen hundred years ago, both in respect to doctrine and organization. J. J. Cornish, Aff.; M. D. Rogers, Neg.

## FIRST NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

## CORNISH:

Well, beloved friends, I'm thankful,  
 For this privilege again,  
 That I have to preach the gospel, — Rom. 1:16.  
 That's restored once more to men; — Rev. 14:6.  
 I am pleased to set before you, { Heb. 6:1-2; Acts 8:  
 Plans that Jesus laid ahead; — { 14-20. Acts 19:5-7;  
 That he came to save the sinner { 1st Tim. 4:11-16.  
 Both the living and the dead. — 1st Pet. 3:17-20; 4:6  
 I am glad to state that Jesus,  
 Has his work brought forth again, — Rev. 14:6.  
 And, has set on earth a kingdom, — Dan. 2:36-44.  
 His last kingdom among men. — 1st Cor. 15:24.  
 As Christ taught in days of Peter,  
 On this rock my church shall stand, — Matt. 16:18.  
 Thus we know, by revelation,  
 That the Lord doeth now command. — Isa. 29: 9-13.  
 Amos 3:7, 8; Isa. 42:8, 9.

## ROGERS:

If my brother has a doctrine,  
 That's restored to earth again,  
 Then it must have once been taken,  
 Which is false, to all is plain.  
 Christ says, in the book of Matthew, — Matt. 16:18.  
 On this rock my church shall stand, — Or Peter.  
 And, that church since then has flourished,  
 As the Savior did command. — Mark 16:15, 16.  
 We don't need their revelations,  
 For the gospel is all here, — Shows the Bible.  
 And, if we obey this Bible, { Paul says it should be.  
 We have nothing else to fear. { 1st Thes. 1:5.  
 If Christ went down to the prison, — Hell.  
 As my brother claims to say,  
 Then, I'm going to hell, that's certain, — Luke 16:22, 23  
 And, we'll both be there some day.

## FIRST NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

## CORNISH:

On this rock of revelation, —Matt. 16:17; Deut. 32:4.  
 Christ has said his church shall stand,  
 Revelations cease not coming, —Deut. 32:2, 3; Isa. 55:10.  
 From God's all providing hand.  
 "I am the Lord" and, "I change not," —Mal. 3:6.  
 "New things do I declare," —Isa. 42:9.  
 The power was caught up unto God, —Rev. 12:5.  
 A remnant yet was there. —Rev. 12:17.  
 The church fled to the wilderness, —Rev. 12:6.  
 Twelve hundred sixty days, \*  
 For, nations grew so wicked that  
 They gave not God the praise. Isa. 29:13, 14.  
 And yet, this power came forth again, —Rev. 14:6.  
 In God's own stated time,  
 A kingdom, he on earth set up,  
 The works of God, sublime. †

## ROGERS:

We must have revelation, then?  
 And, have the hands laid on?  
 Paul says, when we have come to Christ,  
 Old things then, all have gone. —2nd Cor. 5:14-17.  
 The Holy Ghost comes not, I say,  
 By laying on of hands, —Acts 2:37, 38.  
 Had it been so, then Peter would  
 Have said, "Thus God commands,"  
 Christ set his kingdom upon earth,  
 While at Jerusalem,  
 And now, He reigns, and not Joe Smith,  
 All faith else to condemn. —Rev. 22:18, 19. But Moses  
 Joe Smith I've proved a liar bold; says the same. Deut.  
 The Saints all harlots, thieves; 4:1-5; 12:31, 32.  
 Their doctrine the most damnable,  
 That human mind conceives. —"New light on Mor-  
 monism."

\* Rev. 11:2; 12:6; 13:5. "Time" is 12 mo., "times" 24 mo., "½ time is 6 mo., or, 40 and 2 mos. or, 1260 days. Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:4-6. Thus, 1260 days equal to 1260 years.

† Just before Lebanon becomes a fruitful field. Isa. 54:16, 17; Dan. 7:14, 27.

## SECOND NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

## COENISH:

Yes, brother, when we come to Christ;

The law we must obey; \*

The Holy Ghost to us is given, †

To guide us day by day. —John 16:7-16

And if I, as a minister,

Another gospel preach, —Gal. 1:8-12, note verse 12.

Then I myself, do lie to men,

And do false doctrine teach —Punishment, Rev. 20:10.

Yes, Christ will reign, my friend should say, —Rev. 20:4.

Here on this earth with men,

He'll reign with us a thousand years, Rev 5:10.

Then, Satan 's loosed again. —Rev. 20:3, 7.

And, when that "little season" 's o'er,

Jerusalem w'll see, —Rev. 21:2.

And we, on earth, with God shall dwell,

Through all eternity.

## ROGERS:

Should he another gospel preach,

Then let him be accursed!

What is he doing now, my friends,

But leading to the worst? —Rev. 22:18, 19.

He harps on revelations, too,

And claims his church is right,

Now, if he'll show to me a sign,

He gains his point to-night.

Why not catch fish to pay their "tax?" —Matt. 17:24-27.

Why don't they "raise the dead"? —Acts 9:40; 20:10.

Why don't they cause the blind to "see," —Acts 9:17, 18.

As well as "grease the head?" —James 5:14, 15.

Why don't they do "these miracles,"

As well as "lay on hands?"

They are commissions given to men, —To apostles.

And Jesus,—he commands.

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\* John 3:1-7. Note verse 7. Mark 16:15, 16; also verses 17 and 18, why leave these out? See Acts 3:8.

† Acts 8:14-20. When, Paul? See Acts 19:5-7. Note 1st Tim, 4:11-16. Note 2nd Tim. 1:6, 7. Note 1st Cor. 12:1-3.

## SECOND NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

CORNISH;

My brother asks of me a sign,  
 That he might look and live,  
 But, Christ has said, "ye seek in vain,  
 No sign to you I give." \*  
 "Why don't you raise the dead," he asks,  
 "And make the blind to see?"  
 Why don't he read his Bible, friends,  
 Not ask this thing of me?  
 Christ gave, to his disciples, power,  
 To do as he had said,  
 To cleanse the lepers; heal the sick,  
 And even raise the dead. —Matt. 10:1-8; Mark 6:7,8;  
 But when Christ's mission here was filled, Luke 9:1:2; 11.  
 Mark, now, the things I tell,  
 "All power in heaven is given to me," —Matt. 28:18.  
 "And the keys of death and hell." —Rev. 1:18.

ROGERS:

Why don't I read my Bible? yes!  
 To find Joe Smith, that right?  
 You'll search that book from lid to lid,  
 But Joe's no where in sight.  
 We have apostles in our church,  
 The twelve that Jesus chose, —Dead ones.  
 The seventy left the Savior's work,  
 And went among the Jews. †  
 And Christ established here his church, —At Jerusalem in  
 Just as he went on high; † the hearts of  
 The twelve will still retain their place, men.  
 Though every one shall die.  
 The woman with the crown of stars, —Rev. 12:1.  
 To the wilderness has fled,  
 And when she comes from thence she'll wear,  
 Twelve stars upon her head.

\* The devil leads in Matt. 4:3-11; scribes and Pharisees come next. Matt. 12:38-45; 16:1-4; Mark 8:10-13; Johu 4:46-49. Signs not to make believers; but for believers. Read in Mark 16:17, 19.

† John 6:66. Reader, he quotes this wrong; why does he do so? See Luke 10:1, 17, 18.

‡ By this Christ, his apostles, and the seventy were not in the church. But we will observe that the church of Christ began with John the Baptist, in Matt. 3.

Note the second commission that Christ gave to his apostles, or disciples: Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:47-49. I wish here to call the attention of the reader to the fact that Christ in his first commis-



## THIRD NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

CORNISH:—

Why claim but twelve apostles, friend?

Matthias makes one more, —Acts 1:26.

You say there are no prophets now,

But this you've said before. —1st Cor. 13:8.

Does Joel not make known to us,

That we shall prophecy,

And that the sun shall darkened be,

And wonders in the sky? —Joel 2:27-32,

The "man child" that was taken up —Rev. 12:5.

Was power, God's power to men, \*

And thus, we've but the remnant left, —Rev. 12:17.

Till power comes back again. —Rev. 14:6.

How will it come? † To whom again? †

And when, Isaiah, when? —Isa. 29:17-19.

"Yet it is not a little while,"

'Tis then, inquirer, then.

ROGERS:—

Yes, I'll admit Matthias came, —Acts 1:26.

False Judas to succeed,

But Judas was a devil, mind,

In thought, in word, in deed. —John 6:70.

The prophecy that Joel gave, —Joel 2-27-32.

Was in a part, fulfilled,

When on the cross, those wicked Jews,

Our Lord and Savior killed. —Matt. 27:45.

But on the day of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit came, —Acts 2:16-47.

And then, the wondrous works of God, —Acts 2:11.

They heard them all the same.

The church of God, when Jesus comes,

Will twelve apostles bring, —Rev. 12:1.

The twelve he chose while here on earth,

To serve him as their king. ||

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sion, sent his disciples to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," or, the Jews; his second commission was after his crucifixion, and to teach all nations."—Matt. 28:19. Then these signs were to follow. Mark 16:16-18.

\* Psa. 62:11; John 1:12, 13. This power that was taken up, was the power by which men could become the sons of God, and (Rom. 8:16, 17.) joint heirs with Christ, hence there was no power left among men by which they could become the sons of God until the gospel should be restored to the earth. Rev. 14:6.

† Isa. 29:9-16; Psa. 85:8:13.

‡ Zech. 2:2-5.

|| Which will be the twelfth apostle to sit on the twelve thrones, Judas or Matthias?

## THIRD NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

CORNISH:—

My brother has admitted now,  
 One more apostle came, —Matthias.  
 But here we've Barnabus and Saul, —Acts 13:9; 14:14.  
 Two more who bare that name. \*  
 The prophet Joel's prophecy, —Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17.  
 Does here make clear the way,  
 The wondrous works of God to be  
 In this, the "latter day." †  
 The Holy Ghost is given to men,  
 The promise is to all,  
 E'en to them who afar off are,  
 Whom he, our God, shall call. —Acts 2:39.  
 Now if my brother will obey  
 The plan that Jesus gave, †  
 He will then of the doctrine know, —John 7:17.  
 That he his soul may save.

ROGERS:—

What difference does it make to me,  
 Apostles twelve, or more?  
 The apostles that Joe Smith has now  
 Are not like those of yore.  
 Just take your Mormon bibles, sir,  
 And leave King James's be,  
 You have at least three bibles here,  
 But one's enough for me.  
 I claim I got the Holy Ghost  
 Without a Mormon's aid;  
 This ya ya ya ya of yours, ||  
 I've laid it in the shade.  
 I've had a revelation, too,  
 That cannot be denied;  
 These Saints have made a woman, and,  
 They say she is a bride. —Rev. 21:9.

\* Acts 13:2-4. There are others. Read Rom. 16:7; Gal. 1:18, 19; etc.

† This speaking in tongues at the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:17, was the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecy that was spoken by the prophet Joel 2:28, that prophesy not yet being fulfilled, neither will until all flesh receives it.

‡ Heb. 6:1, 2; Acts 8:14-20; Acts 19:5-7.

|| This is his representation of speaking in tongues; he is thus ridiculing the injunction of the apostle Paul to the Corinthians in the 14th chapter, especially in the 39th verse. But you may say "This does not apply to us in this day and age of the world." Then neither does Acts 19:5; 6 nor 1st Cor. 12th chapter, especially the 27th to 31st verses. Then what the Jews said in Acts 18:13, also Acts 17:18 is true.

## THIRD PROPOSITION.

Resolved, That the teachings of the Church of Christ, of which I, M. D. Rogers, am a member, are in harmony with the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ and his apostles of eighteen hundred years ago, both with respect to doctrine and organization. M. D. Rogers, Aff.; J. J. Cornish, Neg.

## FIRST NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

I am not here to-night, my friends,  
 One sect alone to shield,  
 But all who love this good old book, —Bible.  
 And to its teachings yield.  
 It is to us God's will made known,  
 And it contains it all;  
 It teaches life to those who will,  
 Obey the Savior's call. —Matt. 10:32; John 3:36; 11:  
 I do the stars and stripes defend, 28-30; John 8:12.  
 And each family place of prayer,  
 But Joe Smith would unchristianize  
 Our mothers, I declare!  
 The prayers they made are all in vain,  
 By what Joe Smith has said,  
 For they'll not hear this gospel preached,  
 Since some of them are dead.

CORNISH:

Note that my brother does believe,  
 In christians ev'ry where  
 No matter what the name, the creed,  
 The family, if "there's prayer."  
 The Savior said, "Not ev'ry one,  
 That sayeth to me, Lord, Lord,"  
 Shall enter in his kingdom, and  
 Receive the just's reward. —Matt. 7:21.  
 The Bible is God's will to men,  
 But it contains NOT all, —1 Thess. 1:5; Isa. 55:8-11.  
 It teaches you and I to live,  
 As says the apostle Paul. —1 Cor. 12:4-14; also ch. 14,  
 As for the dead; our God is just, read it all.  
 They will the gospel know, —Isa. 61:1-3; 42:6-9;  
 And what man would that he should reap, Jno. 5:25-29  
 That also must he sow. —Gal. 9:7-9.

## FIRST NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

ROGERS:

I do not mean that I defend  
 A doctrine or a creed  
 That does not by immersion, wash  
 Away their sins in deed.  
 The Bible gives to us the plan,  
 We have the gospel here, —Shows the Bible.  
 And, Mormon high priests we don't want,  
 To come and interfere.  
 This gospel has been handed down  
 By Peter, James and John,  
 And, if we do as they have said, —1 Peter 1:17-23.  
 God's work will still go on.  
 Christ says, "Go ye to all the world,  
 And to all nations teach;" —Matt. 28;19, 20; Mark  
 But here we're hailed by Mormon frauds: 16:15, 16  
 "You have no right to preach."

CORNISH:

My brother shields all churches now,  
 Who with water do baptize; —By immersion.  
 This includes us, the Baptist, too,  
 Does he this realize?  
 He claims this word the gospel is, —The Bible  
 But, read what Paul has said; —1 Thes. 1:5.  
 Where's his authority to preach,  
 If all high priests are dead? \*  
 The right my brother has to preach,  
 Came through the Roman power; †  
 How can we draw sweet water from  
 A fountain that is sour? —Matt, 7:16, 18; Luke 6:43-45.  
 Where are the priests, the prophets, seers, —Acts 6:2-7.  
 The apostles and their laws? —1 Cor 12:27-31.  
 Where are the gifts and blessings too, —1 Tim. 4:13-16;  
 If none, what then's the cause? 2 Tim. 1:6; 1 Cor.  
 12:1-13.

\* Reader, we find, Paul claims he was ordained a preacher and an apostle, 1 Tim. 2:5-7, called of the Holy Ghost. How? see Heb. 5:4, called of God, "as was Aaron."—Acts 13:1-3.

† For it sprang from the offspring of the Roman power, and, the church of Rome, as he says is evil, can not bring forth good fruit.

## SECOND NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

I have authority to preach,  
 The Bible is my key; —Mark 16:15, 16.  
 I need no mogul Mormon priest  
 To lay his hands on me.  
 The prophets and aposties did  
 Christ's work set forth to men,  
 But, since Christ's church is organized,  
 We need them not again.  
 I say the signs do follow us,  
 We do cast devils out, —When the person gives his  
 We speak, too, with new tongues of praise; soul to Christ.  
 We sing to God, and shout.  
 We lay hands on the sick in sin, —Sin sick.  
 And they come forth with praise,  
 And, if a deadly thing they drink, \*  
 We do their spirits raise. —Encourage them.

CORNISH:

Paul was ordained a preacher, mind, —1 Tim. 2:7; Acts 14:14  
 But, by the Holy Ghost, —Acts 13:2-4.  
 Yet, this man does reject God's plan, —Rom. 13:1, 2.  
 He thinks men know the most. † —2 Tim. 4:1-4.  
 The law God gave, he does deny, †  
 He ridicules the same; —1 Cor. 14:1-40.  
 He calls me "fraud" for teaching them,  
 But, I am not to blame. —Acts 28:22.  
 The gospel he presents to you, —Any man who has muscle  
 Was given to him by man; enough can baptize.  
 The gospel I present to you,  
 Has come from God again. —Rev. 4:6.  
 The "man child" was caught up to God,  
 To God and to his throne; —Rev. 12:5.  
 The gift was taken from this earth,  
 The gift man would not own. —Luke 7:30; John 7:8, 9.

\* Take in any evil communications.

† Paul knew that such men would be. Verse 4 is what the so-called preachers of to-day are preaching. Read 2 Tim. 3:1-7; note verse 5. The churches of to-day have a form of godliness, but they deny the power of God to reveal His will to them. From such, turn away.

‡ Mark 16:15-20; Matt. 16:17.

## SECOND NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

ROGERS:

If we have not the right to preach,  
 Then, woe! to those ahead,  
 For, hundreds, who believed like me,  
 Have sinned, and they are dead.  
 If what my brother says is true,  
 Then these are lost in hell,  
 A doctrine that's more cursed than this,  
 No human tongue can tell  
 He claims the Bible don't contain  
 All God has given to men;  
 These infidel attacks are wrong,  
 It does, I say again.  
 We have here all the standard books, —Holding up the  
 The false ones we don't need, Bible.  
 You can't a man of common sense,  
 On such vain doctrine feed.

CORNISH:

Those souls down in the prison house,  
 Have not all hoped in vain, \* —1 Cor. 15:19.  
 For they will hear the gospel preached, —1 Peter 4:6;  
 And all come forth again. —Rev. 20:13. [3:17—20. †  
 Now, there's one glory of the sun,  
 The moon one more does hold;  
 Another glory of the stars,  
 Whose number is untold. —1 Cor. 15:41.  
 And as these stars all differ in  
 Their glory, Paul has said,  
 So shall the resurrection be, —1 Thes. 4:16; John 5:28, 29,  
 Also, of all the dead. —Rev. 20:12; 22:12; 2 Cor. 5:10.  
 All things that God has said through man,  
 Are not false—truth is told, † —John 21:25.  
 And God, out of His treasures brings  
 The things both new and old. —Matt. 13:52; 23:34.

\* There must be hope for the dead, else, "Why are they, then, baptized for the dead?"—1 Cor. 15:29.

† Christ has the keys to the prison house, and can go there to preach.—Rev. 1:18.

‡ If the following books, spoken of in the Bible, but not found there, are "frauds," as my brother states, then God must have repented of what He has said, for they are what God has spoken through his prophets: Jehu, book of, 2 Chr. 20:34; Enoch, prophecy of, Jude 14; Ephraim, book of, Hosea 8:11, 12; books of Samuel the seer, Nathan the prophet and Gad

## THIRD NIGHT—FIRST SPEECH.

ROGERS:

I am a preacher called to preach, \*  
 But not to go to hell;  
 And I've no revelation had, †  
 I know that very well.  
 I think my brother's doctrine, too,  
 Will be exploded soon,  
 And when he comes to hunt for it,  
 He'll find it in the moon.  
 To say man will get out of hell,  
 When once he's there consigned,  
 Is trying to unchristianize  
 All other human kind.  
 A humbug too to think that man,  
 Is baptized for the dead;  
 If this be, I'd be re-baptized,  
 Till I couldn't raise my head.

CORNISH:

Turn to Revelations, friend, —Rev. 20:12-14.  
 And see that death and hell,  
 Give up their dead that they be judged,  
 By what the books shall tell. —Rom. 2:5-7; Matt. 16:27.  
 Our God is just and for this cause,  
 The dead the gospel hear, —1 Peter 4:6; 3:17-20.  
 And man will be rewarded, too,  
 For all the good done here. —Matt. 25:34-40. †  
 We do believe in prophecies, —Isa. 29:12-17, Joel 2:28.  
 And what the prophets say,  
 And that by what has come to pass,  
 This is the "latter day." †  
 We do believe that Christ will come,  
 A thousand years to reign, —Rev. 20:1-7.  
 Then, here on earth, with God, there'll be,  
 No sorrow and no pain. —Rev. 21:1-4.

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the seer, 1 Chr. 29:29. There are twenty books in all; now, either my opponent is wrong or God gave prophecies that are "frauds," which is it? I would like to see these books, can he show them in the Bible, which he says contains all.

\* How can he be a preacher, when he denies revelation, and ridicules the way Paul was called?

† Barnabas and Saul (Paul) were called by the Holy Ghost by revelation. (Before that he stated that he had a revelation.)

‡ Notice, there are three classes of people here referred to, representing the three glories, viz: of the sun, moon and the stars, 1 Cor. 15:41.

## THIRD NIGHT—SECOND SPEECH.

ROGERS:

Men go to hell, but not to stay.  
 How does this come about?  
 I'd like to see the hole they use  
 For getting in and out.  
 They, too, have heaven here on earth;  
 That's wrong! this earth's too small,  
 They'll have to build a larger one,  
 There's not room here for all \*  
 And then, if heaven is here on earth,  
 They can't keep people out,  
 Some "yankee" will a railroad build,  
 And have a private rout.  
 This humbug doctrine, cursed, debased,  
 Ought not be recognized;  
 This loathsome heresy sustained,  
 we're all unchristianized.

CORNISH:

And death and hell gave up their dead,  
 Judged then was every one; —Rev. 20:13-15.  
 The wicked share the lake of fire,  
 Death's second work's begun,  
 And in this prison thou shalt stay,  
 No source can give thee aid,  
 Until thou hast to God confessed; —Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11  
 The "uttermost farthing" paid. —Matt. 5:25, 26,  
 Why ridicule the word of God?  
 Christ will dwell here again, †  
 And when the thousand years are done,  
 God will dwell here with men. —Rev. 21:1-7.  
 Why will you thus deny His word?  
 I did not write it there;  
 May God forgive, and angels write  
 Our names on the pages fair.

1st, The brethren in verse 40 who were "faithful over a few things," in verses 21 and 23; 2d, the sheep, and third the goats, the last two named being those of "all nations" who have not made use of the talent that was given them.—AUTHOR.

|| Isa. 29:17; Nahum 2:2-4, are these chariots not our cars? Matt. 24:3-14; Mark 13:1-14. The two last references are the "testimony" of Jesus, hence, they are the "spirit of prophecy."—Rev. 19:10.

\* How does the man dare to ridicule the works of God in this way.

† Rev. 5:9; 20:5; Matt. 16:26-28; Acts 1:9-11.



## SUMMARY.

The church of which M. D. Rogers is a member, is not in harmony with the teachings of the church of Jesus Christ of eighteen hundred years ago.

1st, Because there are no living apostles in their church, neither do they believe in them.

2d, Because there are no seventy elders in their church.

3d, Because there are no prophets or prophetesses, neither do they believe in them.

4th, Because they do not believe in the same gospel.

5th, Because they do not believe in the same kind of miraculous gifts and blessings.

6th, Because they do not bless little children by the laying on of hands, but ridicule the same.

7th, Because Christ and his apostles believed in, had and taught new revelations.

8th, Because they do not believe in, and teach a hope after death, for those who had none here.

9th, Because they do not believe in the baptism for the dead, as did Christ and the apostles. I have shown you that the ancient apostles practiced it. 1 Cor. 15:29. You may ask how Christ taught it, I answer in that, that Christ gave it to Paul by revelation. Gal. 1:6-12.

10th, Because they do not believe in the tithing system. Matt. 3:8; 22:23.

11th, Because they do not believe in having a bishop to take care of the finances of the church. 1 Tim. 3:1-7.

12th, Because they do not believe in sect or body of believers, but that any praying family makes the church. And Jesus said, not every one that saith, "Lord, Lord," shall enter; and as we have shown that Christ is not the author of so many conflicting sects.

13th, They are not in harmony, again because they do not believe in the personal reign of Christ with his people, on earth for a thousand years, but say his reign commenced at Jerusalem.

14th, Not in harmony, because they do not believe that the earth made new will be the final home of the saints, and that God will dwell on the new earth with his people after the thousand years are ended.

15th, Because they do not believe that Christ has power to save all men, but that some will always rejoice with God and the angels up in a home beyond the skies; whilst others of their brothers and sisters, and a greater portion of the world must wallow with the devil and his angels in eternal fire and brimstone.

16th, Because they only believe the two places to share the world of mankind, heaven and hell.

17th, Because they do not believe in administering to the sick by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, as did Christ and his apostles, but laugh at it and call us monkeys, imitating what others did, etc.

18, Because they will take preachers and baptized people into their church without re-baptism and laying on of hands, contrary to the manner of admitting Paul, and those spoken of in Acts 19:1-6.

19th, Because they do not believe in all the books that are mentioned in the Bible, and that the others mentioned which contain prophecies and revelations, are not standard or reliable, but that the Bible is complete in itself.

20th, Because they do not believe that the book has, or will come forth, spoken of by Isa. 29 chapter, which had to come a little while before Lebanon should be turned into a fruitful field; neither in the one spoken of by John in Bev. 5:1-10, which no man can open but Jesus Christ; nor in the one spoken of by Daniel 12:4, 9, which is sealed until the time of the end.

21st, Because they do not believe in the washing of apostles feet.

22d, Because they do not believe that the prophet Elijah will come as declared by the prophets. Mal. 4:5.

23d, Because they do not believe in the two prophets spoken of by John, who are yet to prophesy in Jerusalem three years and a half. Rev. 11:3-10. But if they do they will be false prophets, etc.

24th, Because they do not believe that the kingdom established by Christ should suffer violence and the violent should take it by force, Matt. 11:12, also mentioned by Peter, Paul and John, as I have already proven.

25th, It is doubly sure that they are not in harmony with the teachings of Christ and his apostles, when they deny that the church was driven into the wilderness, and that an angel should bring it back to earth.

26th, Because they do not believe in a call of God to the ministry through a living prophet; but that the same commission Jesus gave to the eleven answereth to them, which is contrary to every thing preceding it, but if a man has muscle enough he has authority to baptize, etc.

27th, Because they believe God has changed in the order of calling his ministers to the priesthood.

28th, Because they do not believe in the two priest-hoods—higher and lower. The higher to be called by Revelation, Heb. 5:1-5. And the lesser may be selected from among good men, full of the Holy Ghost. Acts 6:3-6.

29th, Because they do not believe in priesthood at all.

30th, Because they do not believe in angelic administration as did Christ and his apostles.

31st, Because they do not believe in the different grades of glories as did Christ and his apostles. 1 Cor. 15:40-42; St. John 14:1-3, 23.

32d, Because they don't believe the wicked will ever get out of hell as is declared by John, Rev. 20:13, etc.

33d, Because they believe there are but two places to share the world of mankind, heaven and hell; and but two classes of people to go there, sheep and goats, etc. Matt. 25:31-46. Whilst Jesus declares there are at least three classes, brethren, sheep and goats, etc. Many other points can be shown to prove they are not in harmony.

J. J. CORNISH.

# SCOTT---GORNISH DEBATE.

Held at Burnham, Michigan, January 20-22, 1891.

RESOLVED, That the Bible teaches that man is wholly mortal, and unconscious between death and the resurrection. E. B. Scott, affirmative; J. J. Cornish, negative.

In arranging this subject I would say, I am not a poet, and this is my first attempt to make an arrangement of this kind for the press. I do not intend to arrange all that was said on either side, but merely to get the facts before the people, proving that there is an intelligent spirit in man. 1st, That it pre-existed. 2d, That it exists now in the body. 3d, That it does and will exist after the body in dead.

It is not the verse or rhyme that I am desirous to place before the people so much as it is the reference, and if the readers will look up those passages and examine them for themselves I shall be satisfied.

J. J. CORNISH.

Come now, dear reader of these lines,  
And listen unto me;  
And while I give these proofs to you,  
Their worth I know you'll see.

God at the first made heaven and earth,	—Gen. 1:1.
And beasts of every kind;	—Gen. 1:25.
But man did not yet have his birth,	—Gen. 2:5.
Come read and you will find.	

- And then he said, "let us make man," —Gen. 1: 26.  
 And in our image too;  
 And to him we will give command,  
 Of all he'll have to do. —Gen. 1: 28.
- So man was made like God himself, —Gen. 5: 2.  
 The woman was made too;  
 She's sometimes called the better half,  
 I plainly state to you. —(Made them spiritually.)
- And still on earth there was no man, —Gen. 2:5.  
 As yet that could be found,  
 Then God and Christ devised a plan,  
 And formed one from the ground. —Gen. 2: 7.
- Into that body God did form, —Zech. 12: 1.  
 The spirit of the Son; —Luke 3: 38.  
 And breathed in him the breath of life, —Gen. 2: 7.  
 And thus "two men in one." —2 Cor. 4: 16.
- So Paul has said our race did have,  
 Both "inner man and out;" Rom. 7: 22.  
 Our spirits are the inward men, —Acts 17: 16.  
 Our bodies are the out. —2 Cor. 2: 13; 1 Cor. 5: 5.
- Thus two creations God did make, —(Read the first five  
 When that "great Spirit" moved; chapters of Gen.)  
 Creations and formations too,  
 Our God his power proved.
- Now, Bro. Scott, why should you say  
 That man is like the beast;  
 The difference is as broad to me  
 As west is from the east.
- And yet the preacher hath declared, —(Ecclesiastia).  
 What difference he has found;  
 The spirit of man it goeth up, —Ecc. 3: 21.  
 That of the beast goes down.

And now I'll tell about the thief,

Who to the Lord did cry;

Luke 23: 43.

And Christ did give that soul relief,

As soon as he did die.

Before their spirits left, "to day

With me," said Jesus Christ;

—(All spirits are to

remain in paradise

Thoult be at home from bondage free,

or prison until the

In yonder paradise —Luke 23: 43-6.

resurrection of the  
body.)

And now where is that paradise,

St. Peter, will you tell?

Says Paul, It's up in the third heaven,

—2 Cor. 12: 2-4.

Where all good spirits dwell.

—Rom. 6: 9.

Down in the heart of earth said Christ,

That He himself would be;

—Matt. 12: 40.

"As Jonah was" in body, in

The whale down in the sea.

—Jonah 1: 15-17.

St. Peter said He there did go,

Down in that prison land;

—John 5: 25-28.

And preach to those who lived with Noah,

—1 Pet. 3: 17-20.

As God did give command.

Then Bro. Scott did say to me, —(He said he could not have

Will you this to me tell;

have been in prison preach-

How Christ could be in paradise,

ing three days and three

The same time down in hell.

nights, because the body

was only in the tomb one  
day and two nights.

Yes, Bro. Scott, that right I'll tell,

Concerning Jesus Christ;

How he went down to the pit or hell,

Also to the paradise.

His spirit to the paradise went,

—Luke 23: 43.

Where just ones do remain;

—Matt. 27: 59, 60.

Remained one day and just two nights,

—Luke 23: 53, 54.

Then returned to earth again.

—Matt. 28: 6; Mark 16: 6.

- As Jonah there three days three nights, —Jonah 1: 17.  
 Out of that hell did cry; —Jonah 2: 2.  
 So Christ did preach three days and nights,  
 Before he went on high. —Acts 1- 9.
- “To death,” said Peter. “Christ was put,”  
 But made alive again; 1 Pet. 3:17-20.  
 What! preached in body and spirit? Yes,—(He preached after  
 And went to heaven then.—Eph. 3:8-10. he was quickened)
- You say the case of the rich man,  
 And that of Lazarus too,  
 Was just a parable to them, —(No proof).  
 Of Gentile and the Jew.
- The poor man went up with the saved,  
 With angels there to dwell; —Luke 16:19-31.  
 The rich man’s body in the grave,  
 His spirit went to hell.
- The “pit,” or “prison,” “nether parts,” —Job. 33:18-30.  
 And also called “hell;” —Ezek. 31:5-16; 32:21-24.  
 The “prison house,” and “heart of earth,” —Isa. 42:6-9.  
 Is where those spirits dwell. —Isa. 61:1-3,
- The Lord will punish those high ones,  
 Who care not for His worth; —Isa. 24; 21-23.  
 And put them in that prison house,  
 With kings upon the earth.
- To prison all the heathen go, —Psa. 9:17.  
 And all the wicked bold; —1 Tim. 4:10.  
 The gospel there to them is preached,  
 The same now as of old. —Rom. 14: 11.
- Our God is just and for this cause —Isa. 45:21-25.  
 All men his truth shall learn; —John 5:25-28.  
 On high, in earth, and under earth, —Phil. 2:8-11.  
 Before the earth shall burn. —Mal. 4:1-3.
- Jesus took Peter, James and John, —Matt. 17:1-9.  
 Upon the mount they went; —Mark 9:2-9.  
 And Moses and Elias came, —Luke 9:28-35.  
 Glory from God was sent.



You say that Moses had been raised,  
 O give the proof to me; —(He gave no proof.)  
 Our Savior was the first to rise, —Acts 26: 23.  
 To immortality. —Rev. 1: 5, 18; 1 Cor. 15: 20.

You say Elias Elijah was,  
 O no, twas John, Christ said; —Matt. 17: 10-13.  
 Whose spirit was intelligent, —Mark 9:11-13.  
 Although he'd lost his head.

'Twas not his spirit head, O no, ,  
 For that had gone on high; —Eccl. 12: 7.  
 His body went down to the tomb,  
 As others do that die. —Matt. 14: 12.

I now call your attention to  
 The souls of those who sang; —Rev. 5:8-10.  
 Who once had lived and kept the law, —Rev. 6:9-11.  
 Whose bodies had been slain. —Rev. 20:4.

They said, how long O Lord before  
 Our time will be fulfilled; —Rev. 20: 4.  
 He said that they must wait until  
 Some others should be killed. —(Joseph and Hyrum  
 and others.)

The Lord then gave to them white robes,  
 And made them kings and priests, —Rev. 5: 9, 10.  
 And we shall reign on earth they said,  
 In righteousness and peace. —Rev. 20: 4.

Oh, how surprised, said Scott, I be,  
 I never have believed;  
 No truth in it I tell to thee;  
 Friends do not be deceived!

Why should you be surprised, my friend,  
 God's word is what I tell! —Isa. 24: 21-23.  
 They'll hear the gospel word, and then —Rom. 14: 11.  
 He'll take them out of hell. —Isa. 49:9; Rev. 20:13.

The greater part of those who've lived,  
 Have died without the light; —Ezek. 32:22-25.  
 Will God be just to have them damned, —Ezek. 31: 16.  
 And banished from his sight? —Luke 2: 10. (All people.)  
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- Our God is just, and for this cause,  
Our Christ to earth was led;  
That all might hear His blessed laws,  
Both living and the dead. —1 Pet. 3:1-6.  
—St. John 5:25-29.  
—Heb. 10:5-7.  
—Luke 2:31, 32.
- Christ was with God the prophets say.  
Before creation's morn. —Prov. 8:27-31.  
—St. John 17:5, 24.  
Four thousand years then passed away,  
And Christ on earth was born. —Matt. 2:1, 2.  
—Luke 2 chapter.
- O, I was there, said Jesus Christ,  
Before the world began;  
And I was daily God's delight,  
And my delight with men. —St. John 1:1-4.  
—Prov. 8. 22-32.
- So Christ did pre-exist you see,  
So all the sons of men; —St. John 1:1-14.  
—Heb. 2:14.  
Paul did declare it so must be,  
Why not believe it then? —Heb. 1:1-6.  
—Acts 13:41.
- So all the sons of God did shout,  
When God his works began; —Job. 38:3-8.  
And all the morning stars did sing,  
And yet on earth no man. —(See also Rev. 12:  
4, 7-9. Stars.)
- Intelligent beings, good and bad,  
Were 'mong the bright and fair; —Rev. 12:1-9.  
—Luke 3:28.  
Satan and Adam were sons of God,  
And Christ a morning star. —Isa. 14:12-15.  
—Rev. 22:16.
- Says Job, thou didst "fence me with bone,"  
And "clothed me around with skin;" —Job 10:11, 12.  
His body was his earthly home,  
His spirit dwelt within. —Job 38: 8.
- Together shall all flesh decay,  
And man shall turn to dust;  
Says Job: The body goes to clay,  
To God the spirit must. —Job 34:14, 15.
- "In the name of Jesus Christ," said  
The great apostle Paul;  
Deliver such an one to death,  
But save the spirit—soul. —1 Cor. 5:4, 5.
- Also the blessed virgin said,  
"My soul doth magnify;" —Luke 1:46, 47.  
My "spirit" hath rejoiced in God,  
My Savior from the sky.

You say if we did pre-exist,  
 And lived before our birth;  
 Why not remember what we did  
 When we do come to earth.

Ah, contradict your Bible then,  
 And try to make a strife;  
 Because you do not recollect, —(See Jude 6, on first estate.)  
 Your first estate of life.

Will you then tell me why you cant —(The babe lives and  
 Remember what you did; moves before it  
 For months before and after birth, breaths the air, yet  
 And yet your spirit lived. body without spirit  
 dead. See Jas. 2:26)

The disciples of Christ, you know, —(The disciples knew  
 Were anxious once to find; that spirits pre-ex-  
 “Who sinned, this man or parents,” who! isted; who sinned?  
 That he had been born blind. John 9:13.)

Says Paul, “I’d like to be with Christ,”  
 I’m in a strait—’twixt two; —Phil. 1:21–24.  
 But to remain on in the flesh,  
 I know is best for you.

Then “fourteen years ago,” about,  
 I knew a man in Christ; —1 Cor. 12:1–4.  
 Whether in the body, whether out,  
 Went up to paradise.

Body or spirit, one or both,  
 The facts they were not given;  
 But the intelligent part, we know,  
 Went up to the third heaven. 1 Cor. 12:2.

Now, Bro. Scott, I’ve not forgot,  
 A summary to make; —(He read some tract and  
 You have indeed asserted much, other books, etc.)  
 But the Bible I did take.

You’ve brought up Scott and Adam Clark,  
 To give the Bible aid; —(The Bible was to be  
 But to such reference, you’ll find, the standard for  
 No attention has been paid. evidence.

His word we must not re-arrange,  
 You say, "'tis not a fiddle;"  
 And yet the coma you displaced,  
 And put it in the middle.

—(He said it was all  
 inspired and play-  
 ed but one tune.

Thus, "Verily I say unto thee to-day,  
 Than placed the coma here;  
 Instead of, "I say unto thee,"  
 Right where it does appear.

—Luke 23:43.

Thus contradict your first account,  
 Why should you change so soon?  
 You played one tune on the first night,  
 The next night change your tune.

You also changed the other verse,  
 About transfiguration;  
 You say that it is mythical,  
 Thus change their explanation.

—(He said no such  
 thing ever oc-  
 curred.

The Lord's against you, Mr. Scott,  
 'Tis plainly to be seen;  
 The Bible on your side is not,  
 Why use his word so mean!

Now Mr. Scott did act to me,  
 Just like a gentleman;  
 But yet he changed that word you see,  
 To carry out his plan.

And now dear reader will you take  
 Your Bible in your hand;  
 And search the truth for Jesus sake,  
 As he did give command.

Just look those references up  
 And never mind the rhyme;  
 And let that Bible be your guide,  
 Both now and all the time.

—(Take a reference Bible  
 and you will find a host  
 of other passages from  
 those here given.)

You'll find the spirit is not the breath,  
 As some do now relate;  
 Our spirits live on after death,  
 In a highly conscious state.

For the benefit of the reader I wish to give the following references in addition to the passages already referred to, which may assist some in proving the consciousness of the soul or spirit of man.

The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits. Rom. 8:16. The God of the spirits of all flesh. Num. 16:22; 27:15. His spirit and his breath.—Job 34:14. I had no rest in my spirit.—2 Cor. 2:13. Our earthly house of this tabernacle—for in this we groan.—2 Cor. 5:1, 2. As long as I am in this tabernacle—shortly I must put off this my tabernacle.—2 Peter 1:13, 14. Man sent from God, his name was John.—St. John 1:6. A body hast thou prepared me.—Heb. 10:5. And to the spirits of just men made perfect.—Heb. 12:23. Body without the spirit dead.—James 2:26. Some have it, “Body without the breath is dead,” yes when the breath is shut off the spirit will leave.

Let the reader not forget that spirit was first made (Gen. 1:26; Col. 3:10; Psa. 100:3; Eph. 4:23, 24; Acts 17:28, 29.) and then the body. (Gen. 2:7.) Then formed the spirit of man within the body. (Zech. 12:1.) Then breathed the breath of life in him; thus, “A living soul.” (Gen. 2:7.) “Spirit and body.” “Inward man and out, etc.” Her soul was in departing. Gen. 35:18. Not able to kill soul. Matt. 10:28; Luke 12:4. And her spirit came again. Luke 8:55. And lose his own soul. Mark 8:36, 37. Supposed they had seen a spirit—a spirit not flesh and bones. Luke 24:31, 39. God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, (not of their dead bodies, but of their living spirits.) Luke 20:37, 38; Exod. 3:6. Meek and quiet spirit (not meek and quiet breath.) 1 Pet. 3:4. Let the child’s soul come in him again. 1 King 17:21, 23. And thou (the spirit) mourn at the last when thy flesh and thy body are consumed. Prov. 5:11. Our bones (their spirits say) are dry—our hope is lost, we are cut off. \* \* I will open your graves, bring you out, ye shall live. Ezek. 37:11–14. Serve the Lord with heart and soul. Jos. 22:5. Spirit, soul and

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body. 1 Thess. 5:23. Soul of Jonathan knit with soul of David. 1 Sam. 18:1-3. Soul of the wounded cry out. Job 24:12. His flesh upon him shall have pain, soul within him mourn. Job 14:22. Contrite spirit. Isaiah 66:2; Psa. 34:18. His soul was not left in hell. Acts 2:31. See also 2 Pet. 2:4-9; Rom. 8:28, 29; Rev 12:7-11. Ordained before he was born. Jer. 1:4, 5. Soul and breath. Job 12:10. See Dan. 3: 22-25. 2 Kings 2:9-13. Rev.6:9-11. Job 33:18-33. Psa. 88:3, 4. Prov. 1:12. Isa. 38:18. Ezek. 31:18. Pharaoh comforted in pit. Ezek. 30:21-24, 30, 31. Prison house, etc. Isa. 42:6-9; 49:5-9; 61:1-9; 24:21-23. Hear his voice. John 5:25-29. He has the keys. Rev. 1:18.