

joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23).

Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, the Savior sent his disciples into the world (John 17:18). Latter-day Saints, therefore, do not believe in asceticism—a withdrawal from the world in an effort to avoid worldliness and to obtain spirituality. Their commission is to be in the world but not of the world, to improve the quality of life on earth by such things or activities as rearing good children, pursuing education, expanding their knowledge of all truth, contributing to the well-being of members of their communities, and sharing the gospel with others. Through example and precept, they seek to encourage all people to put off worldliness and become spiritually reborn by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. In summary, LDS doctrine cautions that "Men drink damnation to their own souls except they humble themselves and become as little children, . . . putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord" (Mosiah 3:18-19).

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WORLD CONFERENCES ON RECORDS

Two World Conferences on Records have been sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY and to exhibit the newly constructed GRANITE MOUNTAIN RECORD VAULT, the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF UTAH hosted the first world conference, August 5-8, 1969. The theme, "Records Protection in an Uncertain World," emphasized that, since no one organization can preserve all the valuable records of the world, each nation or society must preserve its own records from wear, deterioration, neglect, and natural or man-created disasters.

Sessions combined two types of meetings: records preservation, usage, and accessibility; and genealogical research. For the first time on a world scale, a conference brought together genealogists,

archivists, demographers, and technical experts on microfilming and other methods of preserving records. Two hundred and eighty specialists in these fields presented 180 seminars during the four days to an audience of both amateurs and professionals from national and governmental bodies, private institutions and societies, and individuals from every state in the United States and forty-five nations.

The second World Conference on Records was held August 12-15, 1980. The theme, "Preserving Our Heritage," was stimulated by Alex Haley's, 1976 book *Roots*. Much of the conference focused on gathering, preparing, and preserving personal and individual family histories—writing "the history of the heart"—in addition to factual genealogical data. The featured speaker, Alex Haley, said: "In all of us there is a hunger . . . to know who we are and where we come from." Attendance of 11,500 more than doubled that of the previous conference, including representatives from each of the United States and from fifty nations. Printed copies of the sessions of the conferences were made available at the Genealogical Society headquarters in Salt Lake City.

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WORLD RELIGIONS (NON-CHRISTIAN) AND MORMONISM

[This entry consists of seven articles:

- Overview
- Buddhism
- Confucianism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Shinto

The articles gathered under this title generally explain the relationships between Latter-day Saints and persons of other faiths, and illustrate differences and similarities in belief between non-Christian religions and the LDS religion. On the former subject, see also Interfaith Relationships: Jewish and Interfaith Relationships: Other.]