hast known the scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation; yet they were divided into sects and parties, all understanding the scriptures their own way; and it was necessary that angels should appear to them, notwithstanding all their former revelations, and that too after they had been privileged with the ministry of Christ during his life, and he had been slain upon the cross, as was in the case of Peter when he was led out of the prison on an angel, also Cornelius the Centurian, and John upon the Isle of Patmos, Mary Magdalene, and also the Roman Soldiers who kept the sepulchre, and in many instances, which are too numerous to mention here. The Lord also, appeared to his apostles at different times after his resurrection, and we are informed that he appeared unto five hundred at once.

What individual in his sober senses, possessing common intellect, will profess to believe the sacred scriptures, and then have the daring affrontery to say that God has ceased to give revelations, that angels have ceased to come to earth, and then say, I am consistent? None but hireling priests and their dupes, who, by their inconsistencies, have driven the world into infidelity.

Much might be written upon this subject, but we have already been more proxim than we had intended.

The writer seems to express himself with full confidence as though the whole “Mormon” system was a mere sham, or delusion; however, he is willing to acknowledge that the society is “more sinned against than sinning.”

This, we think, is an unbiased sentiment; and we presume that a candid investigation would unmask a field of light and intelligence to his understanding, so that he would not only believe that “this people, after all are generally quite conscientious in the matter,” but he would be “quite conscientious” himself. For a better understanding of the book of Mormon, the plates upon which it was engraved, and the manner of translation &c. we subjoin the title page, and also the testimony of the witnesses, which testimony is sufficient to establish the fact in any court under heaven, and cannot be controverted.

**THE BOOK OF MORMON: AN ACCOUNT WRITTEN BY THE HAND OF MORMON, UPON PLATES TAKEN FROM THE PLATES OF NEPHI.**

Wherefore it is an abridgement of the record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites: written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel; and also to Jew and Gentile: written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation. Written and sealed up, an hid up unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed; to come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof: sealed by the hand of Mormon, and hid up unto the Lord, to come forth in due time by the way of Gentile; the interpretation thereof by the gift of God:

An abridgement taken from the book of Ether: also, which is a record of the people of Jared; who were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people when they were building a tower to get to heaven; which is to show unto the remnant of the house of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever; and also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that JESUS is the CHRIST, the ETERNAL GOD, manifesting himself unto all nations. And now if these facts, they are the miracles of men; wherefore we demand of the times of God that ye may be found spotless at the judgement seat of Christ.

**THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES.**

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall come, that we, through the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, have seen the plates which contain this record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, their brethren, and also of the people of Jared, who came from the tower of which hath been spoken; and we also know that they have been translated by the gift and power of God, for his voice hath declared it unto us: wherefore we know of a surety, that the work is true. And we also testify that we have seen the engravings which are upon the plates: and they have been shown unto us by the power of God, and not of man. And we declare with words of soberness, that an angel of God came down from heaven, and he brought and laid before our eyes, that we beheld and saw the plates, and the engravings therefore: and we know that it is by the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, that we beheld and bear record that these things are true; and it is marvelous in our eyes, nevertheless, the voice of the Lord commanded us that we should bear record of it; wherefore, to be obedient unto the commandments of God, we bear testimony of these things. And we