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BIBLIOGRAPHY

ABR
Abraham in Egypt (Deseret: 1981, i-xi, 298. Bibliography, index)
["This book is dedicated to the proposition that the Egyptians have something important and unfamiliar to communicate, and that such knowledge is to be found, among other places, in the Book of Abraham." - H.N.]

ACC
(This address was labeled "Anon." It is an unconscious summary of his 1939 dissertation and discusses that most elementary of institutions, the "acclamatio," comparing it to the mob persecutions against the Mormons.)

AGE
"An Age of Discovery" (8 pages typescript)
[A compilation of quotes dealing with recent developments in Biblical and related studies. Notes for SIN.]

"All the Court's A Stage: Facsimile No. 3, A Royal Mumming" (see ABR 116-148)
[An amazing detailed description of facsimile number 3 using parallels from similar Egyptian pictures depicting coronation and other family rituals.]

"The Ancient Law of Liberty" (see WOL 166-173)
[Free agency, its principles and its practice from Irenaeus to July 4, 1776.]

ANC
"Ancient Temples: What Do They Signify?" The Ensign II (September 1972), 46-49.
[An attempt to compare Old and New World holy structures and monuments to modern LDS temples.]

ANW
[Though brief, this review shows Nibley's erudition at its best.]

"The Apocalyptic Background" (see WAY 902-903, 968)
[A discussion of eschatology with Rudolf Bultmann's metamorphosis of it into mythology.]

"The Apocrypha and the Book of Mormon" (see APP 164-177)
[An urging to re-evaluate the apocrypha in the light of D&C 91.]

APO
"Apocryphal Writings" (Note reads: Given at a BYU Long Beach Seminary (sic) in 1968, 2 years after Nibley was in Israel) 26 pp.
[A survey of important teachings from 38 apocryphal, pseudepigraphal or patristic writings.]

APP
[Published originally as the lesson manual for the Welchized priesthood quorums of The Church, its introduction was fraught with problems, as can be seen by this excerpt from NIB, p. 57: "Years ago when I wrote the 1957 Priesthood Manual, An Approach to the Book of Mormon, the committee turned down every chapter. But President McKay overruled the committee on every chapter. Every one of them. He said that if it's over their heads, let them read for it. And he left every chapter just as I had it. The committee fumed at the mouth and said, "We can't have it!" and he turned around and said, "No jolly well can have it! Let them work at it a little." I was a very good friend of Brother Richard L. Evans, and he always used to tell me, "always write as if you were writing to the tiredest farmer in Koosharem." If you are writing to the tiredest farmer in Koosharem, what do you do to keep him awake? No attention span, no interest or anything. He's just a tired, dead farmer. If he's the one you have to write for, you're certainly going to lose your other audience in a hurry. I never obeyed that counsel."]
"The Archaeological Problem" (see APP 366-377)  
[An exhortation to LDS archaeologists, both professional and amateur, to stop looking for the wrong things in trying to find external evidence for the Book of Mormon.]

ARC  
"Archaeology and Our Religion" (unpublished manuscript from ca. 1965). 9 leaves.  
[This manuscript is accompanied by two cover letters dated September 16, 1965. The first is a one page letter addressed to a "Brother" and the other is a five page letter addressed to a "Mr. W.", presumably Mr. Wheelwright of the Instructor magazine. "Archaeology and Our Religion" was originally intended to be included in the "I Believe" series in the Instructor but was not included because of its controversial nature, i.e., the debunking of archaeology, geology and other sciences for the lack of honest searching for the truth. The second letter is a diatribe for the "pursuit of truth" no matter who gets hurt.]

ARR  
"The Arrow, the Hunter, and the State," Western Political Quarterly, II (1949), 328-344.  
[Written as a result of research done for his book Lehi in the Desert and the World of the Jaredites, this article is a purely secular study of the role of the marked arrow in ancient politics.]

AST  
"As Things Stand at the Moment," Brigham Young University Studies, IX (Autumn 1968), 89-102.  
[A debate over the Joseph Smith Papyri brought about by Mr. Wallace Turner's article of July 15, 1968 in the New York Times. The majority of the article is a dialogue between "He" and "They" in typical Nibley humor. Illustrated.]

"An Auspicious Beginning" (see APP 25-37)  
[A case for universalism in the world and times of Lehi.]

"The Babylonian Background" (see THR 509-511, 514, 516)  
[Sumerian Texts, the Pyramid Texts and the Gilgamesh Epic are discussed as genuine background for the Jaredites.]

BAP  
[Relying heavily upon patristic writings for evidence, Nibley argues convincingly for the LDS interpretation of I Corinthians 15:39. His article was later discussed by Bernard M. Roschini in Catholic Biblical Quarterly 13 (1951) 51-53, 70-73, in an article entitled, "Those Who Are Baptized for the Dead." ]

BAR  
[Yadin's book recounts his finds March 15, 1961 of ancient artifacts and documents in a cave in the Nahal Neve cliffs. Nibley recalls his book Lehi in the Desert and shows how the Bar Kochba documents describe events closely paralleling those of Lehi and his family.]

BEF  
"Before Adam," 39 pp., including footnotes.  
[In this popular address given April 1, 1980, Nibley is addressing the question, "What about those people who lived thousands of years before Adam?" Evolution, creation ex nihilo, the LDS versions of creation and the nine roles of Adam are discussed. The Book of Abraham is the major source for this talk.]

BES  
[Views on revelation, blacks and the priesthood. His perspective is such that he says, "If we really took the Lord's teachings seriously, we would be envious of the Negroes." But finally he quotes D&C 10:37, "...hold your peace until I see fit to make all things known unto the world concerning the matter." The Lord saw fit five years later.]

BEY  
"Beyond Politics," BYU Studies XV (Autumn 1974), 3-28; also in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless, pp. 279-305.  
[Speech delivered before the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society for Political Science Week, October 26, 1973. It is an overview of politics from the Fall of Adam and Eve to the Second Coming. Babylonia, Satan, Repentance and Zion are common themes throughout.]
"The Bible in the Book of Mormon" (see SIN 127-152)
[A discussion of formulaic ancient writing, Nephis independent sources, and the "Josiah" question.]

"The Bible, the Scrolls, and the Book of Mormon: A Problem of Three Bibles"
(See SIN [P] 974-977, 1013, 1040, 1090-1091, 1165-1168, 32-34, 44-46, 118-122, 196-197, 232-234.)
[The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Book of Mormon are discussed as "additions" to the Bible.]

BIR
[One of the most humorous and satirical of his works, "Bird Island" was originally a well-circulated Samizdat. It makes light of archaeology in all its weaknesses.]

JUD
"The Book of Mormon Acquitted"
[An earlier title for "Judging and Prejudging the Book of Abraham."]

"The Book of Mormon and the Book of the Dead" (see ABR 1-40)
[Books of the Dead, the Book of Abraham, the Apocalypse of Abraham, and the Testament of Abraham compared.]

BRE
"The Book of Enoch as a Theodicy" (28 pp. typescript read at the Denver meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, 1974 [?].)
[Originally to be part of STT in The Ensign series.]

BMA
[Seems to be an earlier version of FRE.]

BMM
"The Book of Mormon as a Mirror of the East" (Improvement Era vol. 51, April 1948, 202-204, 249-251; reprint Improvement Era vol. 73, Nov. 1970, 113-120, 122-125. Used for index.)
[Note: Original edition contained maps and figures. The prototype for all later articles and books discussing the Book of Mormon and its ancient historical milieu.]

"The Book of Mormon as a Witness" (see WOL 189-196)
[The authenticity of the Book of Mormon is shown through its ability to act as a reliable witness to ancient history.]

"The Book of Mormon as Scripture" (see SIN Part 1, 3-152)
[A general discussion of ancient scripture, the transmission of divine words, and the convincing evidence that the Book of Mormon falls into the same pattern as so-called "canonical" scripture.]

BMT
"The Book of Mormon: True or False?" (Millennial Star, 124 [Nov. 1962], 274-277.)
[The difficulties of proving the Book of Mormon true or false without reading it. Five "Rules to be Followed by a Successful Forger" are included, none of which were paid attention to by Joseph Smith.]

BOY
"The Boy, Nephi, in Jerusalem" (The Instructor, 96 [March 1961], 84-85.)
[Editor's Note: This story is the author's concept of what might have been in the Jerusalem of about 600 B.C. While not scriptural, the details of trade and politics and the general background indicated herein are supported by the author's extensive research and by artifacts of the period.]

[BRE, BRL, BRS, and BRT are part of a Brigham Young series of four lectures delivered by H.N. on June 6, 7, and 9, 1967.]

BRE
"Brigham Young as an Educator" (15 page typescript, August 1979.) Recorded 6-9-67.
[The precursor of his well-known EDU in 1970 and the lesser known MOB in 1976. A survey of some of Brigham Young's thoughts concerning education.]

BRL
"Brigham Young as a Leader" (6 June 1967, 21 pp. typescript)
[Eight principles of leadership are outlined.]
"Brigham Young as a Statesman" (unpublished typescript from June 7, 1967 tape recording). 41 pp. [Politics, government, crime and other related society matters are discussed.]

"Brigham Young as a Theologian" (unpublished typescript from June 9, 1967 tape recording). 4 pp. [War, hell, mourning and evil are some of the topics included. Nibley closes the talk with one of his more revealing and touching testimonies.]


"...But Unto Them It is Not Given" (see SIN 96-126)

"Brigham Young on the Environment" [Quotations only from a talk given for Earth Week, April 21, 1971.]

"Candidates for the 'Search Society': Hugh Nibley and Kimball Hansen" in BYU Today, August 1980, 12-13 [Several months after Nibley delivered his lecture "Before Adam" BYU Today conducted this interview with Nibley and Physics and Astronomy Professor Kimball Hansen concerning reality, science, and creation. Together they agreed that "people on this planet may never know for sure, short of further revelation, concerning the realities of the big bang and black holes and concerning the specifics of creation."]

"The Celestial Environment" (Original title of BYU) (see BYE)


"Challenge and Response" (see NEP I, 18-24; II, 14-18, III, 16-18, 20-22; IV, 64-69) [An introduction to the challenge of critics who question the authenticity of the Pearl of Great Price.]

"The Changing Scene" (see APP 1-25) [An exhortation to re-examine the Book of Mormon and a discussion of the metallic plates upon which scriptures are written.]

"Checking on Long-Forgotten Lore" (see SIN 197-239) [The authenticity of the Book of Mormon is shown by examining peculiar situations and teachings, the Dead Sea Scrolls and some traditions and legends.]

"Christ Among the Ruins" (unpublished manuscript dated March 2, 1981). [Originally part I of "Souvenirs from Lehi's Jerusalem" (SOV) this writing is an attempt to show the authenticity of 3 Nephi by pointing out parallels in the Coptic manuscript of the Gospel of the Twelve Apostles, discovered in 1904.]

"The Christmas Quest," Millenial Star 112 (January 1950), 4-5. [Editor's note in the article: "With Christmas still fresh in our memories, Professor Hugh Nibley...gives us an interesting insight into what the world looks for in the celebration of Christmas." His last comment is very thought provoking. "By celebrating Christmas the world serves notice that it is still looking for the Gospel."]

"Churches in the Wilderness" (see also APP 113-141) [Lehi and the Nephite records are compared to their historical milieu.]


"The City and the Sand" (see LEH 97-118) [Lehi's poetic abilities: his sons' adventures in Jerusalem with Laban.]

"Columbus and Revelation," The Instructor 88 (October 1953) 319-320. [A discussion concerning the Claim of Columbus that his discovery of the Indies was the result of revelation.]


"The Comparative Method" (see MIX 744-747, 759, 849, 854, 856) [A comparison of Ethan Smith's View of the Hebrews in the Book of Mormon.]

"Conflict in the Churches Between the God of the Bible and the God of the Philosophers" 5 pp. typescript. [A series of quotes with little original material. Nibley's point is that Jewish teachers and pagan philosophers influenced early Christianity to slowly deeschatologize and de-literalize the Scriptures.]


"A Coptic Christian 'Book of Breathings'" 3 pp. plus footnotes. 1978 (September 25) [Ms. has heading Appendix VI, presumably a part of MES before it was published. An analysis of a fragment from a large undated Egyptian potsherdi.]

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"A Creation of Man" (see MES 129-161)
Includes The Ritual Meal, The Awakening, Temple as Observatory, and Temple as Power-House.]

"The Crime of Being a Prophet" (see MYM, Part I, 9-87)
[A fantasy court-room trial of Joseph Smith by his enemies, from E. D. Howe and John C. Bennett to Pomeroy Tucker and J. B. Turner. Consists of three scenes: "Everybody knew him when;" "Come, Now, Mr. Tucker!" and "Portrait of a Prophet."]

"Culmination and Conclusion" (see MES 233-253)
[Includes instructions for symbolic wrappings and veils and ritual embraces.]

"Cyril of Jerusalem's Lectures on the Ordinances" (see MES 279-305)
[A reprinted translation from Cyril's "Five Explanatory Lectures to the Newly Enlightened" delivered at Easter time around 350 A.D.]

"Dark Days in Jerusalem: The Lachish Letters and the Book of Mormon (1 Nephi) 19 pp. (Date on copy January 22, 1980) (see also SOV)
[Together with JES a first draft of LAC, which appeared in the Ensign, December 1981.]

"The Day of the Amateur" New Era I (January 1971). (42-44)
[Encouragements and cautions to amateurs in all fields.]

"The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Book of Mormon" (see APP 142-189)
[Includes a chapter comparing Qumran with the Waters of Mormon, Mosiah 18.]

"The Dead Sea Scrolls: Some Questions and Answers" The Instructor 98 (July 1963), 233-235
[Originally given as an address on July 5, 1962, to the Seminary and Institute Faculty at BYU.]

"Dealings with Egypt" (see APP 70-78)
[Discusses Lehi's apparent business ties with Egypt.]

"Departure" (see LEH 165-178)
[The dispersion of the Jaredites, their route of departure, notes on the weather.]

"The Deseret Connection" (see ABR 225-245)
[The significance of the honey bee in Egypt and other ancient civilizations, origin of Deseret.]

"Desert Ways and Places" (see LEH 71-95)
[Lehi's altar, contacts in the desert, family affairs, desert place names and issues.]

"Digging in the Dark" (see MYM 89-190)
[A satirical discussion in court concerning Joseph Smith's supposed money-digging activities.]

"Do Religion and History Conflict?" Great Issues Forum, Series 2 (Religion), No. 5 (SLC: University of Utah, 1973) 22-39
[Response to Sterling McMurrin, pp. 5-21.]

"The Doctors Disagree" (see STI)
[Background information for variant interpretations of Ezekiel 37:15ff concerning the sticks of Judah.]

"The Doomed City" (see APP)
[Jerusalem described; Lehi's sons go after the plates of Laban; portrait of Laban.]

"Early Accounts of Jesus' Childhood" The Instructor, 100 (January 1965) 35-37
[Apocryphal incidents of Jesus' childhood taken from the "Infancy Gospels."
"The Early Christian Church in the Light of Some Newly Discovered Papyri from Egypt" 20 pp.  
[Address delivered at B.Y.U. Tri-State Fireside, March 3, 1964]  
[A discussion of the Nag Hammadi codices and their implications for Mormonism.]

"The Early Christian Prayer Circle" BYU Studies XIX:#1 41-78 (Fall 1978)  
[Using ancient documents and the patrologist Nibley discusses many facets of the ancient prayer circle, some of which are similar to the modern LDS prayer circle.]

[A short history of the Easter rite, doctrinally and ritually.]

"Eduard Meyer's Comparison of Mohammed and Joseph Smith" Typescript 7 pp.  
[Date unknown (Before title: "G-2 Reports, No. 4")  
(A compilation of quotes from Meyer's Ursprung und Geschichte der Mormonen.)]

"Educating the Saints - A Brigham Young Mosaic" BYU Studies XI (Autumn 1970)  
#1 61-87  
[One of the most quoted articles written by Nibley, it is a series of well-synthesized thoughts of Brigham Young on education. To be followed by "The Eclipse of the School of Berlin" in Winter, 1971, but never appeared.]

"Egypt Revisited" (see THR 150-152, 185-187)  
[An attempt at showing literary and cultural similarities between the Egyptians and the Jaredites.]

"Empaneling the Panel" (see NEP VII 48-55)  

"The Enoch Figure" 41 pp. Typescript  
[Originally to be part of the STT series in The Ensign.]

"Enoch the Prophet" in Pearl of Great Price Symposium, November 22, 1975  
pages 76-85, answers on pages 93-96.  
[An article that Nibley distinguishes Enoch from sources outside of the Pearl of Great Price.]

"Entering the Temple" (see MES 115-126)  
[Includes purification, washing, colors in the temple, the Stone of Truth and the Creation room.]

"Epic Milieu in the Old Testament" (see THR (October 1956) 710-712, 745-751.  
[An article that discusses the relationship of Old Testament epics to the Jaredites.]

"Escapade in Jerusalem" (see APP 92-101)  
[Nephi's obtaining of the plates from Leaman as an authentic piece of Oriental "culture-history."]

"The Eschatological Dilemma" (see WAY (November 1955-December 1955) 817, 829-831, 902-903, 968)  
[An eschatological view of Church History; includes the parable of the successful businessman who was converted to an eschatological perspective of life.]

[A syllabus explaining "Eschatology," dated October 1960. 3 pp. typescript.]

"The Expanding Gospel" BYU Studies VII (Summer 1965) 3-27  
[2nd Annual BYU Faculty Lecture March 17, 1965  
[The addition of apocryphal scriptures, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, to the knowledge and content of Canonical Scripture.]

"Evangelium Quadragesinta Dierum" Vigiliae Christianae 20 (1966) 1-24  
"Ezekiel 17:15-23 as Evidence for the Book of Mormon" (see APP 270-287)
[A survey of the controversy surrounding the Sticks of Joseph and Judah.]

"Facsimile No. 1, A Unique Document" (see NEP IX, X, XI, XII)
[The uniqueness and history of the document is evaluated.]

"Facsimile No. 1, By the Figures" (see NEP XX, XXI, XXII, and XXIII)
[An interpretation of Facsimile No. 1 from the Pearl of Great Price using the figures illustrated.]

"The Facsimiles of the Book of Abraham: A Response" Sunstone IV:5, 6
49-51
[Given in August, 1979 at the Sunstone Mormon Theological Symposium at the University of Utah in response to Edward W. Ashment's research on the facsimiles.]

"The Fearful Passage" (see MES 209-231)
[Includes sacrificial offerings, the seven sins, ritual combat, and righteousness and morality.]

"The First Vision" Joseph Smith Seminar, 18 February 1961. Transcribed
May 1, 1979 from Tape No. A1080.
[A discussion of the suppression of the First Vision story from its occurrence to its first writing in 1838 and first publication in 1842.]

"Flight into the Wilderness" (see APP 113-121)
[The nomadic motif in the Book of Mormon as the type and reality of the segregation of the righteous from the wicked.]

"Forever Tentative..." (see SIN 243-258)
[The problems of testing the Book of Mormon in a scientific way, using the examples of metal plates, money, steel and cement, animals, the Be ring Strait theory and race.]

"Fragment Found in Salt Lake City" BYU Studies VIII:2 (Winter 1968) 191-194.
[A discussion, based on a fragment, on whether the Bible echoes the teachings of the Egyptians. Quotes from various Egyptologists help solidify Nibley’s argument.] (see PRO #1 also for complete info)

"Freemen and Kingmen in the Book of Mormon" 20 pp. Typescript Questions and answers -- ca: 1980 (Similar to BMA)
[A comparison between freemen and kingmen in the Book of Mormon and in the world today.]

"From the Dead Sea Scrolls" "From the Gospel of Philip" "From the Odes of Solomon" "From the Pistis Sophia" (see MES 273-286)
[Excerpts from these apocryphal works, with brief explanations by Nibley.]

"G-2 Report, Nos. 1, 4" (see EDM and REL)

"The Garden Story" (see MES 163-181)
[The importance of the sacred garden in the endowment ceremony. Includes "The Lady in the Garden," "Forbidden Fruit" and "The Flaming Sword."]

[Commissioner's lecture delivered in 1972 and reprinted in New Era III (Sept. 1973) 38-50.]
[A thorough treatment of the history of written language: writing in antiquity, writing as a gift from heaven; knowledge as a gift from heaven; and scriptures as the best clue to the genesis of the written word.]

"Getting Ready to Begin, An Editorial" BYU Studies VIII (Spring 1968) #3
245-254
[The then recently published Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri discussed in light of its LDS, Egyptian, Jewish, and Classical sources.]

[Wealth, war, and temporal and spiritual gifts.]
GOD
"The God of the Philosophers" 8 pp. Typescript
[A series of quotes from Anaximander to Xenophanes.]

"Good People and Bad People" (see SIN 373-409)
[Wealth, ambition, secret combinations and polarized society as causes for
good and evil in Book of Mormon societies.]

GOS
"The Gospel of Repentance"
[Based on a funeral address given in Springville in 1981, revised in
December 1981 as a fireside talk, completed in 1982.]

"The Grab Bag" (see MIX 530-533, 546-548)
[Private predilection as a method of researching the authenticity of the Book
of Mormon.]

GRE
193-207 (Provo: BYU, 1978)
[Address given at the Sixth Annual Symposium.]

"The Greek Psalter Mystery: Or Mr. Caswall Meets the Press" (see HYM 191-287)
[A humorous panel discussion of the Reverend Henry Caswall and history of
Joseph Smith and the Greek Psalter.]

"Hidden Treasures: The Search for the Original Scriptures" (see SIN(P)
February 1965 pp. 100-103, 146, 147)
[A discussion of the body of early Christian apocrypha which was kept
from the uninitiated in the faith.]

HIE
"The Hierocentric State" Western Political Quarterly IV (1951) 226-253
[A study of the role of ritual centers and kingship in ancient statecraft,
given as the Reynolds Lecture at the University of Utah at their Centennial
in 1950. Taken largely from his dissertation, ROM.]

HIS
[Address to Seminary and Institute Faculty, June 19, 1956. A discussion of
hierarchies applied to the Bible and religion generally and the
Book of Mormon specifically.]

HIT
"History of Syria; Including Lebanon and Palestine" by Philip K. Hitti
(NY: The Macmillan Co., 1951) in Western Political Quarterly V (June 1952),
312-313. Book review.
[A good example of Nibley's ability to analyze and evaluate another
scholar's work.]

"How Do the Sticks Become One?" (see STI 150-152, 191-195)
[Sticks, tallies, scrolls and ritual blessings and how they would become
one in the hands of the Lord.]

HOF
[Lecture given September 20, 1979 as part of the Sesquicentennial Lectures
on Mormon Arts, Letters and Sciences, Harold B. Lee Library.]
[Eleven foundation stones of the Church are discussed briefly, followed
by an impassioned exhortation to maintain--or bring back--Holiness to Zion.]

HOH
"How to Have a Quiet Campus, Antique Style" BYU Studies IX:4 (Summer 1969)
440-452
[A tongue-in-cheek reprimand to those who need to be taking better
advantage of the educational processes at a university. Parallels
are drawn with medieval campuses.]

HOT
"How to Write an Anti-Mormon Book" Lecture II, February 17, 1962 in Seminar
[A preview ofounding Brass.]

"How Will It Be When None More Saithe I Saw?" (see WOL 1-7)
[The case for living prophets and continuing revelation.]
"How to Write an Anti-Mormon Book (A Handbook for Beginners)" (see SOU 67-133)

[Tongue-in-check rules, including the Nibley version of 'The House That Jack Built.'] The rules:
1. Don't be modest.
2. A benign criticism of your predecessors will go far.
3. Curtseys and bouquets to everyone.
4. Proclaim the purity of your motives.
5. Proclaim your love for the Mormon people.
6. Allow the Mormons a few normal human feelings.
7. Photographs are a must.
8. Furnish documents!
9. Avoid footnotes!
10. Be lavish in your appendix!
11. Be a name-dropper!
12. Control your sources!
13. Wave your credentials!
15. Have something new to sell.
16. Get an inside track!
17. Don't answer questions!
18. In place of evidence use Rhetoric!
19. Use lack of evidence as evidence!
20. Use the unfulfilled condition to make out a case.
22. Discuss motives; read minds.
23. Be cute!
24. Make atmosphere your objective.
25. Attach not the thing but the Image!
26. Enjoy the prerogatives of "unequal scholarship."
27. Be literary!
28. Develop a special vocabulary of loaded and emotive words.
29. Study the techniques of gossip.
30. Preserve a gap between your readers and the Mormons.
31. Learn when to be silent.
32. Be bloody, bold and resolute!
33. Uphold the Tradition! Correct and improve the legends!
34. Be patriotic.
35. Join the ladies.
36. Your target is Mormonism!

HOW

"Howlers in the Book of Mormon" Millennial Star 125 (February 1963) 28-34


HUM

"Humanism and the Gospel" 4 pages, typescript. Notes appended to PAT

[Note: This paper is not entirely clear but appears to be a compilation of quotations, Scriptures, and insights debunking humanism.]

IDE

"The Idea of the Temple in History" Millennial Star 120 (August 1958) 228-237, 247-249

[The loss of the Temple to Christianity; what makes a Temple? The Cosmic Plan, the Place of Contact, the Ritual Drama, the Initiation. Loss and Diffusion of the Temple Ordinances, the Question of Priority.]

IFT

"If There Must Needs Be Offense" The Ensign I (July 1971) 53-55

[Answers for Latter-day Saints concerning war, specifically the Vietnam War.]

"The Illusive Primitive Church" (see SIN 69-95)

[A description of the Nag Hammadi discoveries and of Gnosticism.]

"In My Mind's Eye Horatio..." (see SOU 13-42)

[A review of Mrs. Stenhouse's Tell It All: The Study of a Life's Experiences in Mormonism and anti-Mormon polygamy stories in general.]

IN

"In the Party, But Not of the Party" 22 pages. Sequel to "Beyond Politics"

[BYU Academics Lecture. June 3, 1976.]

[Long quotes taken from his HIE and UNS in Western Political Quarterly. Addresses problem of how much Latter-day Saints should be involved in politics.]
"An Intellectual Autobiography" in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless, xix-xxviii 1, 2; 21, 22; 49, 50; 85, 86; 101, 102; 129, 130; 149, 150; 155, 156; 187, 190; 213, 214; 229; 261; 279, 280. (Originally entitled "Some High and Low Points" this autobiography, together with the introductions to these reprinted articles, constitute an amazing insight into Nibley's perspective.)

"Into the Desert" (see LEH 47-69)
[A discussion of Lehí's flight into the wilderness, including the order of March and the problem of food and baggage.]

[Scientific approaches to ancient writings are discussed in a panel discussion consisting of Nibley, Ross Christensen, Merlin Myers, and F. Kent Nielsen.]
[Archaeology] [Anthropology] [History & Phil. of Science]

"Irenaeus" Lecture #2 undated. 26 pp. (copy of typescript)
[Irenaeus, the church in the second century, gnosticism, and authority.]

"Is There a Danite in the House? You Never Know" (see SOU 215-286)
[A humorous 'bibliographical essay' on the Danites and anti-Mormon literature.]

"Islam and Mormonism - A Comparison" The Ensign II (March 1972) 55-64.
[The scholastic, the traditions, Joseph Smith, Mohammed, the Book of Mormon, and the Qur'án.]

"Israel's Neighbors" Tape A1665 33 typewritten pages
[A talk given 24 February 1965.]
[Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek, Chaldean, Hurian, Hittite, Sumerian, Ugaritic and Akkadian history and writings are herein shown to be an influence on Israel's culture and religion.]

"It Fairly Sears the Screen - A Romance You Will Never Forget" (see SOU 157-212)
[A humorous exposé of the great romance of Ann Eliza and Brigham Young.]

"It Takes All Kinds" (Was to be a pamphlet defending Book of Abraham) July 1977 23 pp. typescript.
[Three scholarly approaches to the question as to whether the Book of Abraham should be taken seriously: ask the experts, examine the work in some broad and general aspects, and take a close look at some particulars.]

"Jared on the Steppes" (see LEH 179-200)
[Comparison of the Jaredite migration with historical Asiatic movements on the steppes; civilizations also compared.]

"Jaredite Culture: Splendor and Shame" (see LEH 201-221)
[Jaredite and Asiatic despotism, wealth; Ripplish and Salome episodes compared to Asiatic traditions; steel, glass, silk and animals in both.]

[An historical survey of the importance of Jerusalem to Christianity.]

"The Jerusalem Scene" 16 pp. typescript
[Together with DAR a first draft of LAC, which appeared in The Ensign, December 1981.]

[Politics, law, government and peace: world peace through world law.]

"The Jews and the Caravan Trade" (see APP 47-57)
[Arab and Jewish trade, and the affairs of Lehí.]

"Joseph Smith and the Sources" (see ABR 41-55)
[An exposition of possible sources for writing the Book of Abraham, all of which are shown impossible. e.g., Josiah Seixas, the Apocalypse of Abraham and Facsimile #1.]
"Judging and Prejudging the Book of Abraham" 8 pages typescript.
[Written in 1979 after his book about the Book of Abraham had been sent to Deseret Book. Will get Book. Will possibly appear as a pamphlet in the future. Question/Answer format.]

"Just Another Book?" (see MIX 345-347, 388-391, 412-413, 501-503, 530-531, 565)
[A chronological—by decades—survey of past Book of Mormon criticism to the early 1900's.]

"Kangaroo Court: A Study in Book of Mormon Criticism" (see MIX 145-148, 184-187, 224-226, 300-301)
[The beginning of a series of articles on so-called Book of Mormon "criticism," and the Kangaroo Court methods used to assess the Book of Mormon.]

Interview Number Six in Lori Schlinker's "Kitsch in the Visual Arts and Advertisement of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" August 1971, BYU. pp. 60-64.

[A case is made herein for the likely possibility of groups similar to Lehi's to have left Jerusalem at the same period of time, leaving behind written records: the Lachish Letters. This article is based on the unpublished "Souvenirs from Lehi's Jerusalem."

(Larsen Memo) 1 p. n.d.
[Playful interdepartmental memos between the BYU poet Clinton Larsen and Hugh Nibley on poetry.]

[A concise and witty paean of the Greek language and its contributions to the human spirit.]

"A Legendary Passion for Books and Languages" Deseret News, n.d.

"Lehi and the Arabs" (see APP 58-69)
[Lehi's personal contacts with the Arabs; his Egyptian, Arabic and Hebrew background.]

"Lehi as a Representative Man" (see APP 38-46)
[A portrait of Lehi as a typical merchant and great man of the period. Compared to Solon, Thales and other contemporary men.]

[The bulk of these materials appeared in the Improvement Era between 1950 and 1952. The original illustrations and some other materials were not included in the book.] 1980 edition includes an index compiled by Gary Gilum.

"Lehi the Poet: A Desert Idyll" (see APP 229-241)
[The nature of Lehi's grand eloquence: compared to the oldest Oriental poetry.]

"Lehi the Winner" (see LEH 119-139)

"Lehi's Affairs" (see APP 47-78)
[Includes "The Jews and the Caravan Trade," "Lehi and the Arabs," and "Dealing with Egypt."]

"Lehi's Dreams" (see APP 217-223)
[A lesson on the peculiar materials of which Lehi's dreams are made. A so-called "Desert Album, 13 Typical View Shots" is used to illustrate this point, and parallels from Arabic traditions and literature is drawn from.]
"Lehi's World" (see APP 26-46)  
[Includes "An Auspicious Beginning; and "Lehi as a Representative Man."]

LES
"The Lesson of the Sixth Century B.C." 14 pp. (typescript January 24, 1981)  
1956 (T00190)  
[Solon, Thales, Buddha, Confucius, Lao Tze, Zarathustra, Pythagoras, Lehi  
and the perspective of the sixth century B.C.]

LET
Letters to Smoother, etc..."Proceedings of the 1980 Brigham Young University  
Symposium on the Humanities," edited by Joy C. Ross and Steven C. Walker,  
BYU Press, 1982. 132 pp. (Nibley's comments appear on pages 102, 103,  
104, 111 and 112 as part of a panel discussion constituted of Nibley,  
Elliot Butler, Robert Rees, Dennis Smith and Eugene England.)  
[A Platonic view of what is beautiful, the origin of all arts and sciences  
in the temple, wealth versus creativity.]

LIA
"The Liahona's Cousins" Improvement Era 64 (February 1961) 87-89, 104, 106,  
108-111.  
[The Lianona is compared to the divination arrows and other ancient works  
and traditions.]

"Life in the Desert" (see APP 190-241)  
[Includes "Man Versus Nature," "Lehi's Dreams," and "Lehi the Poet - A  
Desert Idyll."]

LIT
"Literary Style Used in Book of Mormon Insured Accurate Translation" Deseret News  
[Written in the form of a letter, in answer to a letter by a non-Mormon  
asking why the Prophet Joseph Smith, in translating the Book of Mormon,  
did not use contemporary English instead of using "The King James English."]

"The Long Road Back" (see MES 133-206)  
[The endowment symbolism of the fall, initiation, and coronation imagery.]

"A Lost and a Fallen People" (see APP 299-365)  
[Includes "The Ways of the 'Intellecutals'," "The Way of the Wicked,"  

MAN
"Man Versus Man" (see APP 202-216)  
[Firemaking, shunning human contact, tents, and family affairs in the  
desert.]

"Man Versus Nature" (see APP 190-201)  
[Hunting, beasts of prey, raw meat, weapons and hardships in the  
desert.]

(Also found in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless pp. 85-99 as  
"Subduing the Earth.")  
[A plea to be "magnanimous and for bearing towards all of God's creatures."  
"Man's dominion is a call to service, not a license to exterminate."]

"May We See Your Credentials?" (see NEP 5:54-57; 6:18-22)  
[An analysis of Dr. S.A.B. Mercer and other critics of the Book of  
Abraham.]

MEA
"The Meaning of Temples" Typescript 16 1. (November 1978)  
[Talk given September 1, 1973]  
[The need for, the meaning, the symbolism and the history of temples  
in ancient times.]

MEN
"The Meaning of the Kirtland Egyptian Papers" BYU Studies vol. XI #4 (Summer 1971)  
350-399  
[A careful and detailed study of the papers and their translation.]

"The Meaning of the Wilderness" (see APP 113-142)  
[Includes "Flight into the Wilderness" "The Pioneer Tradition and the  
True Church," and "The Church in the Wilderness."
"Men of the East" (see LEH 27-46)
[Includes "Strange Names" and "Lehi and the Arabs."]

MES

[An erudite and eclectic exposition of the Egyptian endowment ceremony as drawn from the Joseph Smith Papyri, the Egyptian Books of Breathings and various apocryphal and pseudepigraphal writings, including the Odes of Solomon, the Pearl, the Pistis Sophia and the Gospel of Philip.]

MIX

49 II. Kangaroo Court: Part Two, 224-226, 300-301 (62, April 1959).
55 V. Just Another Book? Part Two, Conclusion, 530-531, 565.
4 IX. The Comparative Method, 846, 854, 856 (62, November 1959).
[A witty expose of non-Mormon Methods of Book of Mormon criticism. Predecessor to Myth Makers.]

MOB

"More Brigham Young on Education" (Sperry Lecture, March 11, 1976, J.S. Auditorium) 24 pp. Compiled by H.N.
[Another compilation of Brigham Young's quotes on education. Unlike the carefully constructed earlier compilation (Brigham Young on Education), this set is not subdivided by subject and consists of many lengthy quotes. Nibley waxes strong against academic degrees.]

"A More Complete Text of the Book of Breathings Commentary" (see MES 57-71)
[The text and translation of Pap. Louvre N. 3284, the Ptolemais Inscriptions, and the Herweben Papyri.]

MOE

"More Voices from the Dust" The Instructor (March 1956) 71-72, 74
[A brief account of the discovery and content of the Dead Sea Scrolls.]

MOM

[A very brief summary of the contents of the Book of Mormon written for non-Mormon theologians.]

"The Mysteries of Zenos and Joseph" (see SIN(P) April 1966, pp. 296-297, 334-336
[Recent discoveries which cast new light on the identity of the unknown prophet Zenos.]

MYM

[A 'shot-gun' presentation of anti-Mormon sources showing their nonsense, confusion and the fact that the whole structure of anti-Mormon scholarship rests on trumped-up evidence. An effective satire using the vehicle of a court-hearing, reporters, witnesses, judges, lawyers, etc.]

MYT

"Myths and the Scriptures" The New Era (October 1971) 34-38
[The similarities between myths and sacred writings: the origins of both; hierocentric rituals in the ancient world and their influence on inspired writings.]

"Nature and Purpose of the Book of Breathing(s)" (see MES 73-89)
[A detailed commentary.]

"The Nature of Book of Mormon Society" (see APP 336-350)
[A general picture of Nephite culture, including their migrations and nomadic ways, their social activity and hierarchical government.]
"A New Age of Discovery" (see SIN 22-68)
(Includes 'The Book of Mormon Describes the Bible,' 'The New View of the Old Testament,' 'Nephi and the New Testament,' 'The Wretched Apocrypha,' 'The Christian Apocrypha,' 'Some Major Discoveries Since Cumoran,' 'The Patriarchs Come to Life,' and 'Cause for Alarm.')

"New Approaches to Book of Mormon Study" The Improvement Era
56 (November 1953) 830, 831, 859-862
56 (December 1953) 919, 1003
57 (January 1954) 30-32, 41
57 (February 1954) 30-32, 41
57 (March 1954) 149, 149, 150, 170
57 (April 1954) 232, 233, 246, 248-250, 252
57 (May 1954) 308, 309, 326, 330
57 (June 1954) 389, 447, 448, 450-454
57 (July 1954) 506, 507, 521
(Includes standard texts applied to the Book of Mormon; internal, external and circumstantial evidence for the book; new discoveries, especially the Dead Sea Scrolls.)

"New Discoveries Concerning the Bible and Church History," 1963, 1-12.

[A few notes on Joseph Justus Scaliger, the great scholar, added to Warren Blake's study in the Classical Journal of November 1940, 83-91. Scaliger is one of Nibley's tutelary saints.]

"A New Look at the Pearl of Great Price in The Improvement Era (The great Nibley Series)
(For annotations, see information under each part of the series.)
Part I. (continued) 71 (February 1968) 14-18, 20-21. II
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NIB

"Niblery" in Century II vol. I, no. 2, 54-57
[A 'Spotlight' interview to encourage students in the process of scholarship; Nibley here admits to using Scaliger's method or the method of the Renaissance scholars. A selected bibliography is added.]

NIS

"Nibley the Scholar" (an interview with Hugh Nibley conducted by Louis Midgley, Forum Assembly, BYU, 1974 - May 21.) Edited typescript 13 pages.
[An insightful, scholarly interview of historic importance. Midgley's searching questions elicited equally thoughtful answers.]

NOB

Nobody to Blame (Letter to Brother Burgon, July 29, 1960, Provo) 9 pages
['It is in this time I was explaining my reluctance to assist people in getting Ph.D. degrees in Religion or anything else here at the BYU."

NOG

No Ma'am That's Not History: A Brief Review of Mrs. Brodie's Reluctant Vindication of the Prophet She Seeks to Expose (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1945) 62 p.

OFB

"Of Birthdays" Improvement Era 29 (June 1926) 743.
[Poem written for his grandmother.]

"Old World Ritual in the New World" (see APP 256-270)
[This lesson presents the most convincing evidence yet brought forth for the authenticity of the Book of Mormon...For it is plain that Mosiah's account of the Great Year Rite among the Nephites is accurate in every detail, as can be checked by other year-rates throughout the world." H.N.]

OGB

"The Olive Tree" (see SIN(P) October 1965, pp. 876, 877, 916, 917
[Zenos' parable of the Olive Tree is found in the Book of Jacob.]

ONT

"On the Pearl of Great Price" Given 13 May 1965.
34 typewritten pages.
[Basically a discussion of the relationship of F.S. Spaulding and other 'so-called' experts to the Pearl of Great Price problem.]

OUB

Our Book of Mormon by Sidney B. Sperry (Salt Lake City: Stevens & Wallis, 1948) in The Improvement Era 51 (January 1948) 42. (Book Review)
[A review of praise for Sperry's book, containing a Nibley motif that would become standard throughout his later writings; that we neglect the Book of Mormon at our own peril.]

OUG

[A discussion of literal reality and Zion, as set forth in the tenth Article of Faith.]

"Our Own People" (see THR November 1956, pp. 818, 819, 857, 858
December 1956, pp. 906-907
January 1957, pp. 26, 27, 41
February 1957, pp. 94, 95, 122-124
[As a comparison of Jaredite culture with ancient epic cultures, using literary examples of the past, like the Thirhriks - Saga.]

PAS

"The Passing of the Church: Forty Variations on an Unpopular Theme" Church History XXX (June 1961) 111-124. Reprinted as "The Passing of the Primitive Church, in When the Lights Went Out and as (see above original title) in BYU Studies XVI #1 (Autumn 1975), 119-164.
[A fascinating and insightful study into the question: 'did the Church remain on earth?' Forty reasons for the apostasy are numbered and explained.]

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"Patriarchy and Matriarchy" Blueprints for Living: Perspectives for Latter-day Saint Women - BYU Press, 1980. pp. 44-61. [A survey of the ancient history of both matriarchal and patriarchal cultures with justifications for their existence and contributions to the society of mankind.]

"Paul and Moroni" (Letter to the editor to C.S. Logan in Christianity Today, May 22, 1961, p. 727. Refers to letters in the March 27 issue of CT, page 551, attached. [Concerns Thomas Stuart Ferguson's statements concerning the discovery of ancient Central American cities proving the Book of Mormon.]

"The Pearl" (see MES 267-272) [The text and commentary to this Syriac apocryphal work found in the Acts of Thomas Judas the Apostle.]

"Pearl of Great Price Papyri" 19 page transcription, December 22, 1978. [A question and answer session regarding the Pearl of Great Price Papyri prior to their acquisition by the Church. Also, discusses Egyptology and aspects of translation. March 14, 1967.]

"A Permanent Heritage" (see LEK 243-266) [Includes 'Nephites with Jaredite Nems,' 'The Hiders,' 'Man Out of Asia,' 'The Big Picture. ']

"Peter" Lecture 1 30 pp. typescript (copy) Date unknown p. 12 missing [Peter as the most important figure in the Church next to Jesus Christ in that dispensation.]

"Pharaoh and Abraham: Where Is Thy Glory?" (see ABR 77-116) [The virtues and intelligence of Abraham, Imhotep, Amenhotep and other Pharaohs are herein compared.]

"Phase One" Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought III, no. 2 (Summer 1968) 99-105. [Cautions to be taken before even a preliminary study of the Book of Abraham can be made.]

"Philological Notes" (see SIN 155-239) [Includes the chapters 'Strange Things Strangely Told' and 'Checking on long-Forgotten Lore. ']

"The Philosophical Implications of Automation" 3 pages typescript (April 19, 1964) (part of a symposium) ["What are we to do forever and ever? This fundamental question of the Gospel is answered in his "Zeal Without Knowledge." ]

"A Pioneer Mother" (see ABR 149-197) [A question and answer session concerning the early establishment of Egypt by the great lady Tefnut and her company.]

"The Pioneer Tradition and the True Church" (see APP 122-132) [The ancient concept of man as a wanderer and an outcast in a dark and dreary world discussed as a tradition especially followed by the True Church.]

"Plato's Athens" 10 pp. no date [Periclean Athens compared to society today: Boom Town, The Scientific Age, Education for Success, Plato's Solution.]

"Politics in Jerusalem" (see APP 79-91) [The rule of the elders in Jerusalem on the eve of its overthrow.]

"Portland Institute Symposium talk (untitled, undated) 21 pp. [Internal and external evidences for the Book of Mormon, in this spirit: "The internal evidence for the super-human origins of the Book of Mormon is so overwhelming today that the story of the angel as far as I am concerned has become the least baffling explanation." ]
"Portrait of Laban" (see APP 102-112)
[Laban as a representative man, a typical pasha, a man of the world; his work and his garrison of fifty.]

Hugh Nibley Prayer," Devotional Assembly
[Given sometime in the 1960's during President McKay's and Ernest L. Wilkinson's tenures. One page typescript. An insight into Nibley's spirituality and eschatology.]

[The Christian apocrypha, the Nag Hammadi codices, the Sayings of Jesus, and the Gnostic question are discussed in detail.]

"Problems, Not Solutions" (see SIN(P) May 1966, pp. 419, 420, 422, 424.
["Proofs" and "disproofs" of the Book of Mormon.]

[A study following the Metropolitan Museum of Art's gift to the Church on November 27, 1967, of certain Egyptian papyri once owned and studied by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Accompanied by pictures of the Joseph Smith Egyptian Papyri and letter of sale given to the church.]

"Proper Names in the Book of Mormon" (see APP 242-255)
[In this chapter certain proper names in the Book of Mormon are tested in the light of actual names from Lehi's world, unknown in the time of Joseph Smith.]

"Prophecy and Office" (see WOL 219-225)
[The spiritual and temporal aspects of early Christianity.]

"Prophecy and Tradition" (see WOL 197-203)
[Revelation and tradition in early Christianity.]

"Prophecy in the Book of Mormon: The Three Periods" (see SIN 410-435)
[Includes 'Past Prophecies,' 'Present Prophecies,' 'Modern Thinking,' 'Still in the Future,' 'The Great Overburn,' 'The Problem of Survival,' 'The Promises,' and 'The Cure.']

"The Prophetic Book of Mormon" (see SIN 373-444)
[Includes the chapters 'Good People and Bad People,' and 'Prophecy in the Book of Mormon: The Three Periods.]

"The Prophetic Book of Mormon" (17 pp., typescript) Left-hand corner of first page reads "BYU Alumni House, 9-3-81."
[A Scriptural comparison of the polarization of cultures among the Jaredites and between the United States and the Soviet Union. Nixon and Solzhentsyn are heavily quoted.]

"A Prophetic Event" (see WOL 211-217)
[The entrance of the Mormons into Salt Lake Valley July 24, 1847, was the final act of what we know as world history. Compared to ancient traditions.]

"Prophets and Creeds" (see WOL 40-47)
[Are Mormons Christians even when they don't subscribe to the creeds of Christendom? What led to the formulation of the Nicene Creed?]

"Prophets and Crisis" (see WOL 174-132)
[Peace, security and piety in conventional Christendom and the return of literalism in the face of world crisis.]

"Prophets and Glad Tidings" (see WOL 235-242)
[Prophets have always brought good news, even when their preaching contains words of warning and repentance.]

"Prophets and Gnostics" (see WOL 57-64)
[Gnosticism and true prophecy.]

"Prophets and Martyrs" (see WOL 157-165)
[By comparing the death of Joseph Smith with the martyrs of ancient prophets and holy men, Nibley shows that Joseph Smith was a true martyr and a true prophet in the strictest and holiest sense of the word.]
"Prophets and Miracles" (see WOL 123-132)
(The proposition that gifts and miracles all go together in the true church.)

"Prophets and Mystics" (see WOL 89-97)
(Mysticism as a substitute for direct revelation.)

"Prophets and Philosophers" (see WOL 30-39)
(The influence of philosophy on early Christianity and the distinction Mormonism has of being a non-speculative religion in a world based on philosophy and speculation.)

"Prophets and Preachers" (see WOL 15-22)
(Fundamental differences between prophets, preachers and teachers are discussed.)

"Prophets and Reformers" (see WOL 107-114)
(The difference between a prophet and a reformer is the same difference that exists between the restoration and the reformation.)

"Prophets and Scholars" (see WOL 23-29)
(The only important knowledge is that which comes from a prophet.)

"The Prophets and the Open Mind" (see WOL 115-122)
("Let us not seek to hold God to the learned opinions of the moment when he speaks the language of eternity." H.N.)

"The Prophets and the Plan of Life" (see WOL 204-210)
(Has the plan of life been concocted by scholastic philosophy and conventional theology or been revealed to a prophet?)

"The Prophets and the Scripture" (see WOL 183-188)
("Without a living prophet the scripture is a mystery." H.N.)

"Prophets and the Search for God" (see WOL 48-56)
(Justin's famous dialogue with Trypho and early Christianity's search for God.)

"Prophets in the Wilderness" (see SIN 297-327)
(Includes 'The Desert Sectaries,' and 'The Forgotten Prophets.' Zenos.)

"A Prophet's Reward" (see WOL 8-14)
(The tests of a true prophet.)

"Purification Rites" (see MES 91-113)
(The candidate as Osiris, purification by water, and the Opening of the Month rite.)

"Questions on Authority and Passages for Discussion (The Apostasy)" 1952
23 leaves typescript.
(An outline of the apostacy with quotes from the Bible and early Church fathers.)

"Qumran and 'The Companions of the Cave.'" Revue de Qumran 5 (April 1965) 177-198.
(also in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless, pp. 187-212.
[Arab traditions and the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus as background for the history of the Qumran community.)

"Qumran and the Waters of Mormon" (see APP 154-163)
[Parallels between Alma's community in the desert and the Qumran community.)

"The Real Background of the Book of Mormon" (see SIN 261-370)
(Includes the chapters 'Some Fairly Foolproof Texts,' 'Prophets in the Wilderness,' and 'A Rigorous Test: Military History.')

"Re-Discovery of the Apocrypha" 58 pp. typescript Given March 17, 1965
February 1961.
[A survey of apocryphal discoveries.)

"The Religious Picture..." 6 pp. typescript (before title: "G-2 Report, No. 1")
[Merely a series of quotations from Biblical and archaeological scholars like Byrus Gordon and William F. Albright showing that since world War II the religious picture has changed rapidly in favor of Biblical traditions.)
"Renounce War!" Letter to the editor in the BYU Daily Universe, (see SUB)

"Reproduction and Translation of Papyri X and XI" (see MES 19-45)
[A column by column, line by line reproduction and translation.]

"Rhetoric and Revelation" (see WOL 98-105)
[Rhetoric as the substitute for revelation.]

"A Rigorous Test: Military History" (see SIN 328-370)
[Includes 'History with Tears,' and 'The Military Career of Moroni.]

"The Rivals" (see ABR 56-76)
[Rituals, Pharaoh, Nimrod and other elements in the Abraham story.]
[Ur of the Chaldeans (or Ur of Haran)?]

[Nibley's dissertation and major bibliographic source for many of his earliest writings and for the 'hierocentric' concept used in many of his later writings.]

"Sacred Vestments" 32 pp. typescript
[Given at a fireside on 14 October 1975.]
[A history of holy garments, including the basic equipment of the Catholic clergy and LDS temple garments.]

"The Sacrifice of Isaac" (see NEP March 1970, 84-94, and Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless.
['Types and Shadows,' 'The Resurrection Motif,' 'The Uncompleted Sacrifice,' and 'Back to the Lion-Couch.']

"The Sacrifice of Sarah" (see NEP April 1970, pp. 79-95)
['A Fateful Journey,' 'Sarah on the Lion-Couch,' 'Brother and Sister,' 'Sarah on Her Own,' 'The Cedar and the Palm, a Romantic Interlude,' and 'Breaking the Mold.]

"St. Augustine and the Great Transition" (see WOL 71-80)
[St. Augustine, the man who changed the whole course of world history and of church history, simply because the gifts of revelation and prophecy had been withdrawn.]

"The Schools and the Prophets" (see WOL 65-72)
[Knowledge acquired by study alone compared to that received through revelation.]

"Science Fiction and the Gospel" (February 13, 1969) A2930
[22 page typescript, typed and edited July 25, 1979]
[Science fiction as sophic and 'Scientific,' religion as mantic and 'realistic']

"Second String" (see NEP August 1968, pp. 53-64)
[Egyptology experts, the Book of the Dead, and the Book of Abraham.]

"Secrecy in the Primitive Church" (see SIN(B) April 1965, pp. 308-311, 326, 328-333; May 1965, pp. 407, 444; June 1965, pp. 482, 483, 574-6.
[The proposal that the early church prevented many scriptural truths from coming to light through secrecy.]

"Setting the Stage - The World of Abraham" (see NEP October 1969, pp. 89-95
November 1969, pp. 115-126
January 1970, pp. 56-55
["Hard Times Come Again," 'Signs in the Heavens,' 'World Food Shortage,' 'A World in Trouble,' 'Move On!' 'The Procrustes Cycle,' 'Our Hospitality,' 'Bed or Altar?' 'Abraham the Friend of Man,' 'Abraham the Hospitable,' 'Let It Begin With Me,' 'Doing the Right Thing,' 'Abraham the Missionary,' 'Abraham and the Dead,' 'Abraham and the Ordinance,' 'The New Abraham,' 'Altar and Temple,' and 'Abraham and Adam.]

Shalamar: BYU Women's Program: April 24, 1970: Shalamar (2 versions; 1-7 pp.)
[A satire of Brigham Young University. Includes the humorous Cumulative Intelligence Quotient of BYU.]
"The Shining Stones" (see THR August 1956, pp. 567, 602 September 1956, pp. 630-32, 672-5) [A discussion of historical precedents for the stones of the brother of Jared.]

SIN

Since Cumorah (Deseret, 1970) 451 p. [The great reprint to The Improvement Era series of the same name. Nibley's thesis is that the Book of Mormon is lacking in originality, having been based on cultural foundations from centuries and nations ago.]

"Since Qumran" (see SIN(P) September 1966, pp. 794, 795, 799, 800, 802, 804-805 October 1966, pp. 884, 885 November 1966, pp. 974, 975, 1028-1031 December 1966, 1084, 1085, 1162-5) [An argument that the Book of Isaiah, as well as the Book of Mormon, is an abridgment.]

"Some Fairly Foolproof Tests" (see SIN 261-296) [Tests for the Book of Mormon. Includes 'Checking the Background,' 'The Great Earthquake,' 'Olive Culture,' 'The Axial Period,' 'Some Strange Customs: Temple Building, the Liahona.']

"Some High and Low Points" (see INT) [Original title to Nibley's "Intellectual Autobiography" in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless.]

"Some Scientific Questions" (see SIN 243-258) [Includes the chapter 'Forever Tentative.']

"Some Significant Statements by Leading Scientists on The Scope of Scientific Authority" (Loosely compiled by H.N.) 17 pp. typescript No date [An example of the variety of sources Nibley indulges in.]

"Some Standard Tests" (see NEB November 1953, pp. 830, 831, 859-862 December 1953, pp. 919, 1003) [A plea to non-Mormons to apply textual criticism to the Book of Mormon.]

"Some Test Cases from the Book of Ether" (see APP 288-298) [Peculiar items in the Book of Ether are shown to vindicate claims that the book goes back to the very dawn of history.]

"Sophic and Mantic" (Alternate title: Three Shrines: Mantic, Sophic, and Sophistic; pagination varies. (Deseret Lectures, sponsored by the Mormon Community at Yale.) [A whirlwind look at three basic types of thinking and perspective through the ages, backed by numerous quotations from historians, scientists, religionists and philosophers.]

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"Souvenirs from Lehi's Jerusalem" 32 pp. typescript March 2, 1981 [Submitted to The Ensign]

SPA

"Sparisione" Classical Journal, XL (1945), 515-543. [A lengthy discussion of the Roman practice of 'bestowing public donations by throwing things among the multitude to be scrambled for in scenes of wild disorder.' The sources in his dissertation were used in doing the research for this early article, an article which shows that Nibley had the ability to dissect a narrow subject as well as to put one back together.]

STI

"The Story of Zenos" (see SIN(P) September 1965, pp. 782, 783, 792)
[As a study of Zenos in Alma 33 and Helaman 8:19.]

"A Strange Order of Battle" (see APP 178-189)
[The 'Title of Liberty' story as an old Hebrew tradition.]

IE 59 (September 1956) 630-632, 672-675
(August 1956) 566-567, 602
(October 1956) 509-511, 514, 516
[A discussion of the ships and stones of second and third Ether, with relevant parallels to other ancient traditions.]

"Strange Things Strangely Told" (see SIN 155-196)
[Includes 'A Unique Document,' 'Problems of Testing,' 'Some Peculiarities of Composition,' 'Peculiar Imagery,' 'Peculiar Expressions,' and 'Some Proper Names.']

"Strategy for Survival" (see APP 351-365)
[Methods of defense and the long retreat of the Nephites in the Book of Mormon are compared to ancient similarities.]

"Subduing the Earth" (see MAN)
[Alternate title for "Man's Dominion," used in Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless.]

"A Substitute for Revelation" (see WOL 81-88)
[St. Augustine's task was to achieve certitude without revelation.]

"A Substitute for Victory" Daily Universe, Letter to the Editor, March 29, 1971, entitled "Renounce War"
[A commentary of SC 98:16-17 and a plea for peace.]

"Tenting, Toll, and Taxing" Western Political Quarterly, XXIX (December 1966)
599-630.
[A study of ancient statecraft, showing evidence that the political processes of long ago are like those of today. Several 'scenes' are given: 'An Open Place, Thunder and Lightning,' 'Holy Camp and Holy City,' 'Tent and City as Survival Outposts,' 'The Royal Progress,' 'Trespassing Hero es,' 'The Battle for the Tent,' 'Alternatives to Fighting: Toll and Taxing,' 'The Old Order Remaineth,' 'The Right's of Man?' 'The Other Nomads' and 'The Return to Outer Space.']

"The Testament of Lehi" (see SIN(P) July 1965 pp. 616, 617, 645-649
August 1965 pp. 696-699, 702-704
[I Nephi treated as an apocryphal 'testament,' not unlike the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs.]

"...There Can Be No More Bible" (see SIN 3-21)
[Includes 'Clutching at Straws: The Classic Charges Against the Book of Mormon; and 'Aggiornamento: The Churches Give Ground.']
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[A Humorous dialogue between Professor F. and Mr. Blank covering the ancient epic milieu surrounding the Jaredites. Following the dialogue Nibley discusses sources succinctly. Illustrated throughout.]

They Take Up the Sword (see LEH 222-242)
[Includes 'The Great Open Spaces,' 'Wars of Extermination,' and 'Jaredite Survivors?']

Ties Between the Old World and the New (see APP 242-298)
[Includes 'Proper Names in the Book of Mormon,' 'Old World Ritual in the New World,' 'Ezekiel 37:15-23 as evidence for the Book of Mormon,' and 'Some Test Cases from the Book of Ether.]

A Time for Re-examination (see APP 13-25)
[An argument that the claims of the Book of Mormon can be tested, especially in the light of new discoveries.]

To Open the Last Dispensation: Moses Chapter 1 in Nibley on the Timely and and the Timeless, pp. 2-20
[Taken from part 7 of "A Strange Thing in the Land."]

["Like Bottom, Professor Shils will roar you as gently as any sucking dove, and the result is neither a good roar nor a convincing plea for moderation."]

Translated Correctly? (see MES 47-54)
[A definition of translation, what Joseph Smith meant by translation, the Urin and Thummim, intuition, and methods versus results.]

["Cosmist" doctrine of the most esoteric kind, yet captivating and enthraling, especially in the voluminous footnotes, which use more space than the text itself.]

The Trouble with Ham (see ABR 198-224)
[Ham as Min-Khem, the curse of Ham, the mark of Cain, the Black race, and the Lemurians.]

The Troubled Orient (see LEH 1-16)
[Includes 'The Problem,' 'The Situation in Jerusalem,' 'Language and the Book of Mormon,' and 'Egyptian Politics in the New World.]

A Twilight World (see LEH 143-164)
[Includes 'The Problem,' 'The Method,' 'Conflicting Patterns of History,' 'The Tower,' and 'The Stolen Garment.' First chapter in The World of the Jaredites.]

The Two-faced Monster (see SOU 45-65)
[A humorous expose of Brigham Young, including 'Brigham the Cad, etc., etc.,' 'Brigham the Good Guy,' 'The Beloved Bogey,' and 'It Must Have Been Two Other People.]

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"Two Views of Church History" (see WAY July 1955, pp. 502-504, 538
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(The church of the great apostasy and the church of restoration compared.)

TWO "Two Ways to Remember the Dead" in Allred, Gordon, ed., Immortality: Pamed
Discourses on Eternal Progression and Future Existence. (Salt Lake City:
Hawkes Pub., Inc, 1974) pp. 199-210 (from WOL
[A contrast of the pagan view of death with that of the early Christian.]

"The Unknown Abraham" (see NEP January 1969, pp. 26-33
February 1969, pp. 64-67
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["Neglected Evidence," 'Potipher's Hill,' 'Which Ur?' 'Nimrod-Pharaoh,'
'The Paradox of Abraham and the King,' 'O, Dry Those Tears,' 'The "Lion-Couch"
Museum,' and a dialogue between Cick and Jane and Mr. Jones.]

UNS "The Unsolved Loyalty Problem: Our Western Heritage" in The Western Political
Quarterly, VI #4 (December 1953), 631-657.
[An argument that loyalty is the same in any age 'when we start defining
loyalty we demonstrate to the world that we no longer know what it is.]

"Unwelcome Voices from the Dust" (see APP 143-153)
[The mystery of the primitive church, the Dead Sea Scrolls and the purity
of each.]

USE "The Uses and Abuses of Patriotism" in American Heritage: A Syllabus For Social
["Patriotism identifies one's interest with others in a common cause against
outsiders: it is thus both in usive and exclusive."]

VIC "Victoriosa Loquacitas: The Rise of Rhetoric and The Decline of Everything Else"
in Western Speech XX (1956) pp. 57-82.
[Current practices in education, business and politics are implicated in this
study of ancient rhetoric and its influence on early times, politically and
culturally. This article is one of Nibley's personal favorites.]

WAY "The Way of the Church, I Improvement Era
Controlling the Past (A Consideration of Methods)
I (January 1955) 20-22, 44-45.
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The Apocalyptic Background, I (The Eschatological Dilemma)
XI (November 1955) 817, 829-831.
XII (December 1955) 902-903, 968.

[The nature of the Christian Church. A reassessment based on recent discoveries.
The Question, the Nature of the Evidence, Hand-Picked Evidence, All for the Party,
Censorship, By What Authority?, The Sections are instructive: headings '...as far
as it is translated correctly,' the Follies of Translation, Beyond the Gadgets,
the Role of the Apostles, the Eschatological Dilemma.]

"The Way of the Wicked" (see APP 315-335)
[The whole history of crime in the Book of Mormon, directed to modern times.]

"The Ways of the "Intellectuals" (see APP 299-314)
[Book of Mormon Intellectuals: Shem, Alma, Nemor, Amlact, Korihor and
Gadianton are pitted against the Jews of Jerusalem.]
"What Frontier, What Camp Meeting?" (see MIX August 1959, pp. 590-592, 610, 612-614) [Mormonism is not a frontier religion or a response to the stimulus of the camp meeting. Then what is it?]

"What is a Temple?" (see IDE 228-237, 247-249) [The above title is the title of the series in the Millennial Star.]


WHZ "What Is Zion? A Distant View" in What is Zion? Joseph Smith Lecture Series. 1-21 (1972-73) (Provo: BYU Press, 1973), pp. 1-21) [This was circulated earlier as "Waiting for Zion" (1973), 34 pp. Wealth in Babylon and Zion. One of Nibley’s most bluntly honest exposés of contemporary Mormon society.]

"What Makes a True Church?" (see WOL 226-234) [In a true religion it is the inner life, not the outward signs, that are important. The spirit, proper authority, prophets and revelation must be present.]

"What Manner of Document?" (see MES 1-14) [What the Book of Breathings is not, the importance of the Book of Breathings, and a classification of extant Book of Breathings texts.]

"What Were the Sticks?" (see STI)

WOL The World and the Prophets (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1974) 281 p. [An analysis of the qualities and characteristics of a true prophet, contrasted with the false substitutes of mysticism, philosophy and rhetoric. The effect of prophets and prophecies on the world.]

"The World of the Jaredites" (see LEH) 143-266 [Second half of Lehi in the Desert.]

WOR "The World of the Jaredites" Improvement Era Part I (September 1951) 628-630, 673-675. Part II (October 1951) 704-706, 752-755. Part III (November 1951) 786-787, 833-835. Part IV (December 1951) 862-863, 946-947. Part V (January 1952) 22-24. Part VI (February 1952) 92-94, 98, 100, 102, 104-105. Part VII (March 1952) 162-165, 167-168. Part VIII (April 1952) 236-238, 258, 260-265. Part IX (May 1952) 316-318, 340, 342, 344, 346. Part X (June 1952) 390-399, 462-464. Conclusion X (July 1952) 510, 550. [Author’s note: The epistolary form of this series of articles, is the style in which the writer most commonly expounds his views. Although "Professor F." to whom these letters are addressed is a purely fictitious anthropologist in an eastern university, he is typical of many a real correspondent, and the letters themselves are no less typical. If "F." seems unduly meek and teachable, that is because with the limited space at our disposal it would be folly to engage in long and needless controversies.]

WRI "Writing and Publication in Graduate School" Typescript 1-7 leaves. [Address to the History Honors Banquet, Wilkinson Center, May 12, 1965.] [The gist of this address is contained in one pithy sentence: publication is especially important in a church university; for where the severe standards imposed by professional journals are not applied, scholars inevitably succumb to the occupational hazards of the religion teacher, easily lapsing into superficial pseudo-scholarship, irresponsible speculation, ill-informed controversy, and authoritarian pomposity.]

ZEA "Zeal Without Knowledge" Typescript 1-18 leaves. [Academic Awareness Lecture, 26 June 1975.] [Reprinted in Timeley and Dialogue, pp. 261-277. [A sensitive theme is treated here: "If Glory of God is Intelligence" (our school motto) might there not be some possible connection between intelligence and spirituality?]