

Aspen Heights Ward Family,

September 18, 2017

You may not know us. We haven't been back to Church in nearly two years, which has given us some undistracted time to really think about the gospel. The morning of September 11, 2017 I (Nelson) had a dream after which I asked for the interpretation and was given it. A part of it was the requirement from the Lord to write this letter and give it to everyone in the ward. There is not enough space here to write the dream, but anyone is welcome to come ask for the details anytime. In part of the dream, a member of the primary leadership from the Ward came and visited us. After the dream, I woke up to a text from the primary leadership wanting to visit.

We deeply love and appreciate the LDS teachings we have grown up with that have gotten us closer to Christ. We love Jesus Christ. We love the restored Gospel through Joseph Smith. We love the Book of Mormon. We seek diligently to prepare to receive Zion at a near future point in time. We don't attend LDS meetings, but rather do our own meetings to help our family stay closer to what we feel is the true Gospel revealed from heaven, from which Heavenly Father has told us the Church has since strayed drastically.

Lacey and I wrote a letter to our family a year ago and have now been asked by the Lord to publish it and deliver it to the ward. It outlines our beliefs and journey to where we are now. It also conveys our understanding of what the Lord plans to do with the Church and its members going forward. Over the years we had many questions about various parts of the Gospel, Church, Scriptures, traditions, etc., that the Lord has answered for us and we are grateful and happy for it. The book is now published, entitled: *The Apostasy of the LDS Church was Prophesied, But the End is Not Yet*. It can be found on Scribd.com and Amazon.com, as a free e-version or cheap paperback at no profit to us. We are not advocating polygamy and do not discuss in the letter "anti-Mormon" issues such as the authenticity of the Book of Mormon or Book of Abraham, because we do in fact love Mormonism as restored through Joseph Smith. We simply believe the Lord has great desires to remove our condemnation as members of the Church, which we fail to enjoy because of what is currently taught and practiced.

We know this will alienate ward members from us. It might be difficult on a possible business relationship I could have had with someone in the ward. You might even withhold your babysitters because now you know how weird we are...☺. You're invited to read the letter/book and explore and possibly deepen your faith. If you choose to do so, please read it with an attitude promoted by these men who I'm sure you view as servants of the Lord:

"If we have the truth, it cannot be harmed by investigation. If we have not the truth, it ought to be harmed."  
(President J. Reuben Clark)

"If a faith will not bear to be investigated, if its preachers and professors are afraid to have it examined; their foundation must be very weak." (Apostle George A. Smith)

"There are altogether too many people in the world who are willing to accept as true whatever is printed in a book or delivered from a pulpit." (Apostle Hugh B. Brown)

"I think a full, free talk is frequently of great use; we want nothing secret nor underhanded, and I for one want no association with things that cannot be talked about and will not bear investigation." (President John Taylor)

Don't fear. If you think something is off and we are massively deceived, you can take this opportunity to strengthen and teach your children about what you think it looks like to see someone stray from the path. If there is confusion, utilize James 1:5 and take it to the Lord in prayer. That's what we have done. If you find light in something we've written, then please hug it to your bosom and let the power of the Gospel enlighten you, cause you to repent, and prepare you for that Zion which is not far off. We love you, and invite you to read this because we care and put value upon our highly fortunate upbringing in the Church and relationships with you as fellow members. Our love and testimony of Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel, has never been stronger.

Love, Nelson and Lacey Whiting

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