



The Sugar Beet

“All the Mormon News That’s Fit to Print”

The Sugar Beet’s first book, *The Mormon Tabernacle Enquirer*, will be off the press soon. You can pre-order at Zarahemlabooks.com or through Amazon. Your bishop will be very pleased if you do. The book received a terrific review in *Publisher’s Weekly* (<http://www.publishersweekly.com/article/CA6368867.html?nid=2287#review2>). Not that we’re bragging.

TRANSCRIPTS FROM HOLY GHOST TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Welcome to the Holy Ghost technical support hotline. This is Jim. What’s the problem you’re experiencing?

In the grocery store? Just around the peas?

Well, coverage can get spotty in some of the bigger stores. We’ve been getting a lot of calls about lack of inspiration concerning food products, but we’re working on it. For future reference, usually Green Giant wins out as far as peas are concerned.

You’re kidding—nothing in Victoria’s Secret either? That is strange. I haven’t gotten any complaints about lack of coverage there. I’ll send that up the line, and we’ll see what we can do about it. For now, I’d just suggest you duck into the nearest Disney Store. For some reason, the reception there is just flawless.

OK. Yeah. Sorry I couldn’t help more. OK, bye.

Holy Ghost tech support, this is Jim. What problems are you experiencing?

Which version are you using?

That might be the problem right there. Pretty old stuff. Tongues of fire, cherubim with six wings, apocalyptic visions, right? Man. You might be able to unload it on eBay or something, but we don’t support that version anymore. Naw, it had too many problems: erratic healings, inappropriate displays of zealotry, gradual loss of inspiration—general all-around apostasy. It was a mess.

You’re right, we shipped the newest version a bit late—you know, 1800 years in the making—but it’s more efficient, fewer fainting spells, more user-friendly interface, no more of that confusing three-in-one bit, and a newly added stupor-of-thought firewall. You really need to get the newest version if you don’t want it crashing on you all the time.

Hey Mort, can you believe it, someone still operating on HG 3.3? That’s what I said. Amazing he hasn’t been martyred yet, or at least stoned for blasphemy.

Holy Ghost tech support, this is Jim. What’s the difficulty?

You aren’t getting anything? Nothing anywhere? Well, ya tried prayer? Mmhmhm. What about fasting? Tithing? Home teaching? You accept all your callings? FHE?

Geez. This is a strange one. Try to think here, what could it possibly be?

Uh huh. . . Oh. . . . Ummm. . . I see.

Sir?

Sir? I’m going to transfer you to the mortal sin department, all right? Just listen to what the guy there tells you, and do it, all right? This is important. Don’t hang up, OK?

All right? . . . I’m transferring you now.

Holy cow, Mort. Why do I always get the SUNSTONE subscribers?

Views from the Street

It’s your turn to prophesy! Go!



“And it shall come to pass that Orrin Hatch will convert Arnold Schwarzenegger to the one and only true church just in time for him to save the Constitution from terrorists, who will have hung it by a thread from the top of the Washington Monument.”



“Behold, Richard Dutcher said, ‘Let there be lights, camera, action!’ And he saw that it was good. God’s Army begat Brigham City and they were fruitful and multiplied. But, The Singles Ward came forth, and darkness spread upon the face of the earth, and Dutcher wept.”



“Verily, if my husband drags one more of his dead elk through the kitchen, I say unto you there will be burnt offerings of countless big game trophies, the smoke of which will block the sun!”



“Umm. It sure is dark in my hat here.”