

And we give our names unto the world, to witness unto the world that which we have seen ; and we lie not, God bearing witness of it.

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Where are these golden plates, engraven with the "sacred record"? Where are the "Urim and Thummim" by the aid of which the engraving was translated? When my father put these questions to a believing Mormon, he looked hurt and bewildered as did the negro preacher, who, while loudly exhorting his brethren to repentance, finally wound up his peroration by giving his audience a glowing description of the creation, as follows: "My brederen, de good Lord stuck out his eye, and gazed ober de whole earth, and den he said, 'Let us make a man:' so den he took some wet clay by de ribber side, just ob de right sort, and he moulded his arms, and den de legs, and den he put a head on him, and sot him up agin a fence." A young fellow in the front row at this stage shouted out, "War dot fence come from?" The old preacher paused one moment: then a look of sadness came over his withered face; and, sternly pointing his long forefinger at the reprobate, he said, "T'ree