

women of varied tastes, temperaments and intelligences, and sent them forth to sacrifice all for the salvation of the human race.

Nor can this great prophet's message be driven out of the court of the world's thought and opinion by shouting, "Impostor." His mark upon his age is too deep to be erased by the tongue of slander. "A false man," says Carlyle, "cannot even build a house." And yet Joseph Smith laid the foundation of a Church and erected a superstructure thereon so perfect, in adjustment and practical workings, that it has called forth unstinted praise from even those who hate his name. He bequeathed to this Church a legacy of truth and faith that has nerved his followers with courage to subdue deserts, and fired them with a self-forgetting devotion that impels them to give all for the salvation of mankind. Did a delusion ever give thousands of men and women the fortitude to face the slander and slurs of the wicked and the madness of mobs? Did a "fraud" ever redeem deserts and build sanctuaries of learning in a wilderness? Did a religious falsehood ever put the love of God and man in the human heart? Did perjured stories of revelations from God ever send men out to give their time and money freely to bring souls to Christ? Did pure-hearted women ever pay the homage of their tears at the shrine of a lie? Did true men ever give their hearts' blood for a theological fake?

The explanation of the power of Joseph Smith's name is not found in the epithets "delusion" or "impostor." It is found only in the word "truth." And what a flood of truth he poured into a shallow world of "cold hearts and hastening feet."

His career commenced in 1820, when he was given a vision of the Father and the Son. That year Herbert Spencer was born. The names of both these men have been heard around the world. The one is the synonym of doubt; the other stands for superfaith. The one was the high priest of evolution; the other was a prophet of a living belief. They both strove to find the same thing, the knowledge of God. Herbert Spencer used the key of reason, and Joseph Smith the key of faith. Herbert Spencer sought to find God through an endless analysis of the crust of things. Joseph Smith went by prayer right into the presence of God. Herbert Spencer ended his long life saying, "God is unknowable." Joseph Smith, when only a boy of fourteen, saw the Maker of all, and heard the Voice that had stilled the storm and stayed the wave.

In the age that Huxley glibly talked about an "absentee God," and learned theologians bowed at the shrine of a rhetorical image, Joseph Smith re-discovered the true and the living God. In the teeth of the age-old doctrine of a God "without body, parts, and passions," this bold prophet declared that the