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Memorize Article of Faith #8

*We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly;*

*we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.*

**Study Resources**  *True to the Faith* – [Scriptures](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/true-to-the-faith/scriptures?lang=eng)

**What is a definition for scripture?**

When holy men of God write or speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, their words “shall be scripture…”

**Why is it important for a person to read from the scriptures every day?**

It helps you be receptive to the whisperings of the Holy Ghost. It builds your faith, fortifies you against temptation, and helps you draw near to your Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son.

**What is the Holy Bible?**

The Bible is a book of scriptures comprised of two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The accepted “most correct” version of the Bible by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is the King James Version.

**What is the Old Testament?**

The Old Testament is a sacred record of God’s dealings with His covenant people in the Holy Land. It includes the teachings of such prophets as Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel.

**What is the New Testament?**

The New Testament records the birth, mortal ministry, and Atonement of the Savior. It concludes with the ministry of the Savior’s disciples.

**What is something interesting you learned about the Book of Mormon?**

The Book of Mormon was not translated from plates, but rather “revealed by revelation” as Joseph Smith, Jr. looked at a rock in the bottom of a hat.

**What is the Doctrine & Covenants?**

The Doctrine and Covenants contains revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith. It also includes a few revelations given to other latter-day prophets. This book of scripture is unique because it is not a translation of ancient documents. It is a collection of revelations given by the Lord to His chosen prophets in the latter days.

**What is the Pearl of Great Price?**

The Pearl of Great Price contains the book of Moses, the book of Abraham, the Prophet Joseph Smith’s inspired translation of Matthew chapter 24, and some writings of the Prophet Joseph.

**Why do you think Latter-day Saints would refer to these scriptures as the *Standard Works*?**

These books are often referred to as the *Standard Works* because of their foundational utility in the religion. They are said to contain the “fullness of the gospel” when read and understood together.

**Rank these scriptures in order of importance for a member of The Church of Jesus Christ**:

1. The Book of Mormon
2. Living Prophet
3. The Doctrine & Covenants
4. The Pearl of Great Price
5. The Holy Bible

**Questions (2)**

1. If seer stones, whether in the form of the Urim and Thummim or a peepstone, are so important that perfect, celestial beings would receive one, why did Joseph Smith, Jr. say they were only for beginners?
2. If the Book of Mormon contains the “fullness of the gospel”, why isn’t baptism for the dead, celestial marriages, celestial polygamy, or other “deep” theology mentioned or described in detail?