

## **A Message from the Editor of the German language 'Steiner Critical Edition'**

“Oh well, if it simply has to be, here are the true motives behind the Steiner Critical Edition: In the night from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1999, Rudolf Steiner, Christian Rosenkretz and Joseph Smith<sup>1</sup> appeared to me in a vision. They revealed to me that I am a reincarnation of Anna Eunike (1853-1911, widowed, marriage to R.St. in 1899) and have the task – as a karmic consequence of the injustice done to me earlier by Rudolf Steiner and Marie von Sivers – of discrediting the Theosophical element in Steiner's work. They gave me the task of marrying a Mormon woman (a reincarnation of Karl Maeser 1828-1901, a German Mormon theologian) and in this way gaining access by stealth to the Brigham Young University and publishing from there a critical edition of Steiner's works. The purpose of this Edition was, as I said, to nail into a coffin the Theosophical aspect of Steiner's teaching by means of an intellectualized interpretation in which Ahriman in person dictates every word to me. The aim of this is to lay the ground for an anti-theosophical renewal of Anthroposophy. This teaching is to be propagated – under the guidance of Joseph Smith (reborn as Thomas S Monson [*b. 1927 and from 2008 the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the Church of Jesus Christ ... d. 2018 and succeeded by Russell M. Nelson, age 93*]) and Rudolf Steiner (now incarnated as Dieter F. Uchtdorf<sup>2</sup>) – by the Mormons who must, however, first integrate the doctrine of reincarnation into their faith and then give their temple ceremonies a completely updated form. As I write, they are already engaged in this, with the help of secret material passed on to me from the Rudolf Steiner Archive and from me to the occult Archiaian Brotherhood, which stands in fact behind the Mormons. Once these secret magical formulae and mantra of Steiner are fully integrated into the Mormon ritual (and guidelines for missionaries), the occult suggestive power of its missionaries will be irresistible, and nothing more will stand in the way of the victorious advance of the new world-view to the new world-religion, Mormosophy. Incidentally, as a record for faithful services I have been promised the role of second (after Rudolf/Dieter) advisor to the Prophet and, in addition, a post of Dean in the philosophy faculty of an academy for Mormosophical spiritual science to be founded later. So, now no-one can say he knew nothing of this before!”

[The above text was posted in the Internet under the heading “Egoists” by Christian Clement on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 22.23 hours Middle European Time. Christian Clement has confirmed to the author of the present publisher W. Lochmann that he is, indeed, the author of this text.]

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<sup>1</sup> 1805-1844, Founder of *The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints* (Mormons).

<sup>2</sup> President Dieter F. Uchtdorf (b. 1940, pilot and religious leader) was appointed on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008, as second advisor, to the First Presidency of *The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints*. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004 he was confirmed as member of the College of the Twelve Apostles of the Church. He has been General Authority since April 1994. [Published in “Symptomatische Illustrationen”, Basel, No. 119, October-November 2017. Trans. G. Rickett, Stroud, UK]

# Life In Brief

## THOMAS S MONSON PRESIDENT OF THE MORMON CHURCH

"I've always followed the philosophy. 'Serve where you're called, not where you've been or where you might be,'" Thomas Monson said in 2008 after being named president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, better known as the Mormon Church.

During his 10-year tenure steering the organisation, Monson, who has died at the age of 90, was regarded as a prophet by many of his Mormon devotees, and dramatically grew the organisation's missionary operations. He upheld the Mormons' long-standing opposition to same-sex marriage, despite growing acceptance of LGBT rights within and beyond the faith.

Monson was born in 1927. His father worked in the printing industry, and the young Tom developed an interest in pigeons, which he raised and trained throughout his life. He served in the US Navy towards the end of the Second World War and received a bachelor's

degree in business management from the University of Utah in 1948, later graduating with a Master's in business administration elsewhere.

A former advertising and printing executive at the church-owned *Deseret News* in Utah, Monson spent half a century as a senior Mormon leader. He helped to expand the church's reach through ecumenical charity work and through the construction of Mormon temples from Peru to what was then East Germany, where religious groups faced hostility under Communist rule.

Monson assumed leadership of the church in 2008 after the death of Gordon Hinckley, whom Monson had advised as first counsellor – effectively the No 2 position. While Monson was president in name, Mormons commonly referred to him as "the prophet" – the teacher who relayed messages from God to humanity.

His messages, whether spiritual or

secular, were relatively few. Unlike his predecessor, an energetic speaker who jetted around the world well into his nineties, he maintained a low profile, calling few news conferences and rarely holding forth on doctrine. Instead, he filled his public addresses with folksy parables that emphasised humanitarian service and care for others, an outlook that he said was rooted in his Depression-era upbringing.

"Time and time again those who were riding the rails came to our home. I think they had it marked," he once said, recalling the migrants who called on his family asking if they could work for food. "My mother would say, 'You come right in and sit down; wash your hands over there in the sink.' And then she'd make a sandwich."

Monson sought to spread a Mormon message of charity at a pivotal time in the faith's history. The church grew from 500,000 members at the time of



Monson's birth to about 16 million at his death, with most located outside the US. The growth was spurred in part by the church's missionary programme, in which young Mormon men and women are encouraged to spend more than 18 months abroad spreading the faith or performing humanitarian work.

Monson's wife of 65 years, Frances, died in 2013. The couple are survived by their three children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

THE WASHINGTON POST

**Born** 21 August 1927  
**Died** 2 January 2018  
**Harrison Smith**

### The Page 3 Profile

## RUSSELL M. NELSON, MORMON PRESIDENT

#### A new Mormon prophet?

A former heart surgeon has been appointed the new Mormon church's president, elevating his leader status to that of a "prophet, seer and revelator" within the religion.

The selection of Russell M. Nelson, 93, was announced by high-ranking members in a broadcast from Salt Lake City, Utah, where the religion was founded in the 19th century. It was televised to 16 million Mormons worldwide, including more than 190,000 living in the UK.

#### What was his path to enlightenment?

Born in Salt Lake City, Nelson only converted to Mormonism at the age of 16 following the intervention of a friend's father. By the age of 22, he had qualified as a doctor and did a two-year term of medical duty in the US Army during the Korean War serving in Korea and Japan.

He returned to the US to receive surgical training at Harvard Medical School's Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston before pursuing a successful career as a cardiothoracic surgeon in Utah.

In 1984, he was ordained as one of the 12 apostles within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It made him part of the second-highest governing body in the church after the president. By 2015, he had become the most senior member of the quorum of 12 apostles and on the death of Thomas S. Monson on 2 January this year, he became first in line for the presidency of the church.

#### How many wives has he had?

Two but not at the same time. He was married to Dantzel White from 1945 until her death in 2005. They had nine daughters and a son together.

In 2006, he married Canadian Wendy L. Watson, a professor of marriage and family therapy. Mormons maintain it is a popular misconception they believe in polygamy (multiple marriages), claiming it is an early tradition discontinued more than a century ago.



#### A plan to modernise the religion?

Yes. Mr Nelson said he will make changes so Mormonism becomes more appealing to new members while upholding core values, a tactic that comes across as contradictory regarding some hard-hitting issues. The church has told members to be

welcoming to LGBT people, while also strictly defending an opposition to all same-sex relationships.

The church also faces pressure to allow greater leadership roles for women, including those who want to be admitted to the priesthood.

Valerie Browne