

EVOLUTION
B. H. Roberts - TRUTH, WAY, LIFE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

October 10, 1929.

President Rudger Clawson and
Members of the Council of Apostles.

Dear Brethren:-

The sub-committee of the Council of the Apostles appointed to read the manuscript written by Elder B. H. Roberts entitled, THE TRUTH, THE WAY, THE LIFE, makes the following report:

The committee secured the manuscript and very carefully and systematically read it through, sitting two sessions each week, until the work was finished.

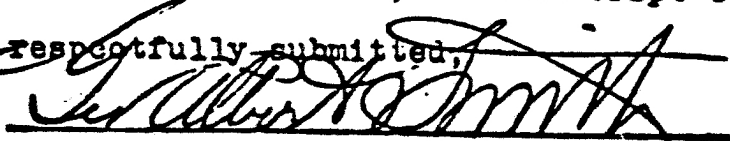
In the main the manuscript is very worthy treating subjects dealing with the mission of Jesus Christ and gospel principles which it would be well for all members of the Church to understand. These subjects are faith promoting and would prove to be helpful to the young people of the Church. However the manuscript could be greatly reduced without injury to the thoughts expressed.

The members of the committee regret to say that there are some objectionable doctrines advanced which are of a speculative nature and appear to be out of harmony with the revelations of the Lord and the fundamental teachings of the Church. Among the outstanding doctrines to which objection is made are: The doctrine that there were races on the earth before Adam; That Adam was a translated being who came to this earth subject to death, and therefore, did not bring death upon himself and his posterity through the fall; That Adam was placed on the earth when the earth was in a desolate condition and before any other life, belonging to the "dispensation of Adam" was on the earth; That all life preceding Adam was swept off, even to the fishes of the sea, by some great cataclysm so that a new start had to be made; That God the Father is ~~is~~ still discovering hidden laws and truth which he does not know, but which are eternal.

The members of the committee met with Brother Roberts on two or three occasions and discussed these matters with him, making the request that he eliminate from his work these objectionable features, but this Brother Roberts has refused to do. At the last interview with him, he informed the committee that if he could not adjust matters and therefore did not obtain the approval of the committee, he would, perhaps, at some future time publish the work on his own responsibility.

The committee, therefore, recommends to the Council of the Twelve that a report of its findings be laid before the First Presidency, with the recommendation that in its present form, the manuscript be not published.

Very respectfully submitted,



Chairman of sub-committee.

A list of objections is here attached.