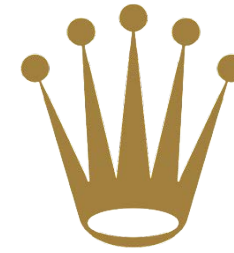


LESSON 5 OF 11

Will you do your best to listen to the voice of the Lord and avoid the counterfeits of revelation?



How do you tell a real Rolex watch from a fake?

13 ways to never be deceived again!

Which is the real Rolex?



1. No Back Engravings



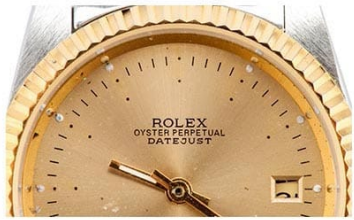
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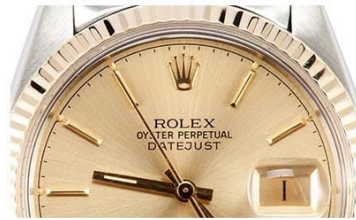
Fake

Except for just a few rare instances, like the vintage Rolex Sea Dweller, COMEX, Military watches and some older rare models, Rolex does not engrave the exterior of their case backs with words, logos, or pictures (a majority of the time). If the watch you're looking at features engravings on the back of the watch's case, then chances are you have a fake Rolex or imitation replica watch. In addition, some authentic older lady Rolex Datejust models like the 6917, 69173 and 69174 have "Stainless Steel" and "Registered Design" on the back.

2. High-quality Logo



Fake



Real

Replica watches come in different grades and the really low-quality phony ones don't even bother to put the Rolex name or famous crown logo on the watch. This, of course, is a dead giveaway that you are dealing with an inauthentic piece.

3. Rolex Engraved on Movement



Fake

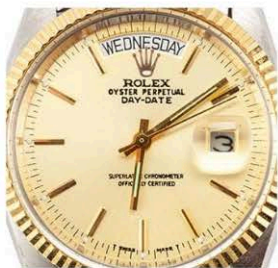


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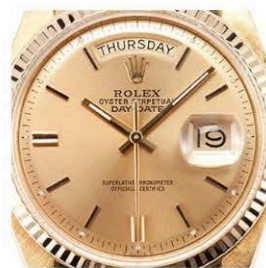
The movement that powers a Rolex is an exercise in master watchmaking skill. A replica watch cannot match the craftsmanship, dedication, precision, and knowledge invested into each genuine caliber bona fide movement will always have "Rolex" engraved on it, which you can only see if you open up the watch.

Something else to consider is that the majority of the brands watches have mechanical movements, so if you're looking at a quartz, that could be a red flag since only a very limited quantity of quartz watches throughout their history have been produced.

4. Legible Fonts



Fake



Real

The dial of an original is perfect, so if you see any uneven fonts, inconsistent spaces between the lettering, smudges, and/or misspellings on the watch then it is absolutely a fake.

5. Magnifying Cyclops



Fake



Real

The Cyclops, in Rolex parlance, is the magnifying lens above the date window on the face of their watches. On a genuine timepiece, the Cyclops is convex and magnifies the date 2.5 times for ease of readability. If, on the watch you're considering, the magnification lens is flat and the date isn't magnified as such, then you are dealing with a forgery.

6. Waterproof



Rolex wristwatches are built to be waterproof, while forged versions will not withstand a proper water test. However, we strongly discourage using a water test if you doubt that the piece is real since it will likely ruin the watch, preventing you from being able to return it. If you believe you have a non-genuine timepiece have it inspected by a reputable professional.

7. Heavier Weight



Fake

Real

A genuine Rolex will have some weight to it because they are exclusively manufactured from the finest materials. A counterfeit watch will feel lighter and flimsy due to cheaper construction materials. If your watch doesn't have any heft to it you are likely dealing with a counterfeit.

8. Solid Case Backs



Fake

Real

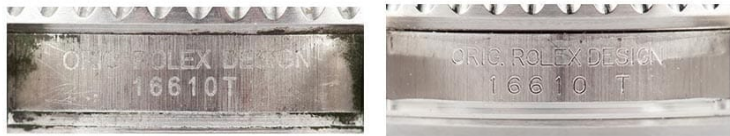
With the exception of a couple of very rare vintage models produced in the 1930s, Rolex does not equip their watches with clear case backs, so beware of replica watches that have a clear window with a view of the movement on the back of the watch's case.

9. Micro-etched Crystal at 6:00



In 2002, Rolex began micro-etching a tiny crown logo at the 6:00 o'clock position on the crystal that protects the dial. If you're looking at buying a Rolex made in 2002 onward, look for this marking for proof of authenticity. Since it's so small, it is difficult to see with the naked eye. This detail also makes it difficult for counterfeit watches to include.

10. Deep Serial Number Stamping



Fake

Real

The serial and model numbers on a genuine Rolex are deep and perfectly marked in solid, very fine lines that will actually glow in the light at an angle like a diamond cut edge. Conversely, the numbers on a fake, or replica, are typically made up of faint tiny dots due to a lower quality marking process. In other cases, these numbers on counterfeit watches will have a sandy-like appearance from being "acid etched" as shown in the photo above on the left.

11. Smooth Second Hand



The second hand on a real Rolex sweeps almost smoothly. To the naked eye it should seem very smooth, while a fake's tick jumps more clearly.

12. Higher Price



Any Rolex under \$300 is probably a fake. If you buy it from a guy in an alley or off the Internet, it is probably a fake.

13. Quality Source



If you buy it from a guy on the street, it is probably a fake.

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SOURCES OF FALSE REVELATION

SATAN

The motherlode, the headspring, the origin of all counterfeit revelation



EMOTIONS

Confusing your feelings with God's will



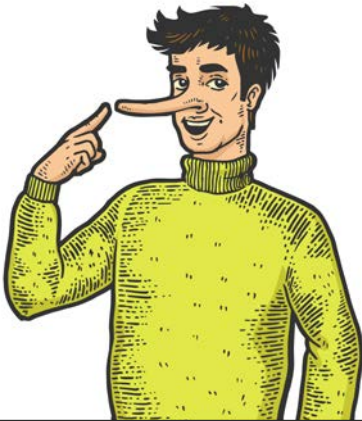
MISINFORMATION

Inaccurate information WITHOUT the intent to deceive



DISINFORMATION

Inaccurate information WITH
the intent to deceive



INTERNET

An unlimited supply of good
and bad truths



The source of all counterfeits:

Satan



“And also Satan hath
sought to deceive you,
that he might overthrow
you” (D&C 50:3).

SATAN



“But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him.”

Moroni 7:17



“For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good”
(2 Nephi 28:20).

SATAN



And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell. (2 Nephi 28:22)

SATAN



And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none—and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance. (2 Nephi 28:22)

SATAN



“Satan will likely use more subtle means to oppose your efforts to receive and retain personal revelation. One way will be his intent to send you lies, his method of false revelation. He will try to reach you with messages intended to make you believe that there is no God, no resurrected Jesus Christ, no living prophets or revelation, that Joseph Smith was deluded, and that your feelings and the whisperings from the Holy Ghost are the delusion of ‘a frenzied mind’” (Alma 30:16).

The First Vision: A Pattern for Personal Revelation
By President Henry B. Eyring
Ensign February 2020

SATAN



“All inspiration does not come from God. The evil one has the power to tap into those channels of revelation and send conflicting signals which can mislead and confuse us. There are promptings from evil sources which are so carefully counterfeited as to deceive even the very elect.”

Boyd K. Packer, October 1989

SATAN



“Behold, verily I say unto you, that there are many spirits which are false spirits, which have gone forth in the earth, deceiving the world. And also Satan hath sought to deceive you, that he might overthrow you.”

D&C 50:2–3

SATAN



“Be ever on guard lest you be deceived by inspiration from an unworthy source. You can be given false spiritual messages. **There are counterfeit spirits just as there are counterfeit angels.** Be careful lest you be deceived, for the devil may come disguised as an angel of light.”

Boyd K. Packer, Ensign
January 1983, 55–56

SATAN





LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does Satan deceive you and how can you avoid his trickery?

Do not rely solely on your
Emotions



“The spiritual part of us and the emotional part of us are so closely linked that **it is possible to mistake an emotional impulse for something spiritual**. We occasionally find people who receive what they assume to be spiritual promptings from God, when those promptings are either centered in the emotions or are from the adversary.”

Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, January 1983



EMOTIONS



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How can we tell the difference between strong emotions and spiritual promptings?

When it comes to deciphering whether the feeling is your emotions or a prompting from God, consider these questions:



EMOTIONS

Are you gullible and “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness”?

Ephesians 4:14



EMOTIONS

Is your happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, and disgust coming from you or the Spirit?



EMOTIONS

Are your emotions getting in the way of the “peace to your mind concerning the matter” you have already received?

D&C 6:23



EMOTIONS

How does your loyalty to a person or organization get in the way of the Spirit talking to you?



EMOTIONS

Does your allegiance to a political candidate or party cause you to ignore the voice of the Lord?



EMOTIONS

Do your prejudices cloud your spirituality when God is talking?



EMOTIONS

Are you too stuck in your old ways and traditions to hear the new inspiration coming from God?



EMOTIONS

Do negative past experiences prevent you from receiving new positive inspirations?



EMOTIONS

Are you “looking beyond the mark” because you are expecting earth-shattering inspiration?

Jacob 4:14



EMOTIONS

Do you get caught up in the moment because you are with the wrong group?



EMOTIONS

Do you talk yourself out of a prompting because you imagine “up some vain thing in [your] hearts”?

3 Nephi 2:2



EMOTIONS

Be alert to sources that give you

Misinformation

This is when someone gives you false or inaccurate information WITHOUT the intent to deceive.



When it comes to misinformation, consider these questions:



Are you lured into rumors because you trust your friends more than you believe God?



MISINFORMATION

Do you let gossip get in the way of truth?



MISINFORMATION

Do you rely on questionable sources to get your answers?



MISINFORMATION

Are you surfing the Internet or reading the tabloids getting sucked into sensational stories rather than listening to simple truths?



MISINFORMATION

Are you guilty of coming to an answer based on comments from second- or third-hand sources?

MISINFORMATION



Do you come to conclusions based on bits and pieces of information without spending time trying to find more?

MISINFORMATION



Do you mix the philosophies of men with the words of Jesus?



Do you focus on only one scripture while ignoring other scriptures that could give you a complete answer?

MISINFORMATION



Do you take things out of context because you are too lazy to give something a 360° look?

MISINFORMATION

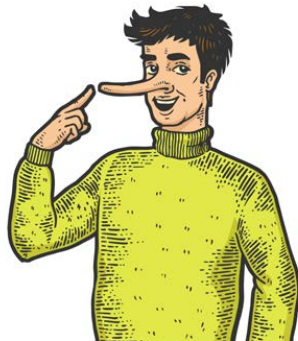


LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What can you do about avoiding receiving misinformation?

Be leery of sources that give you
Disinformation

Unlike misinformation, this is when someone gives you false or inaccurate information WITH the intent to deceive.



“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Matthew 24:24



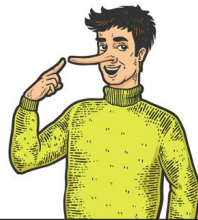
“These are they who are honorable men of the earth, who were blinded by the craftiness of men”
(D&C 76:75).

**When it comes to disinformation,
consider these questions:**



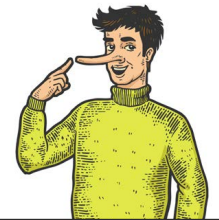
How can you tell when someone is lying to you?

DISINFORMATION



How do you avoid people who are trying to exert power over you through their words and actions?

DISINFORMATION



What do you do about narcissists—those who tell you to “eat, drink, and be merry”?

2 Nephi 28:7

DISINFORMATION



How do you overcome greedy people who “take the advantage of one because of his words”?

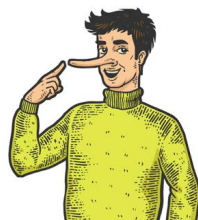
2 Nephi 28:8

DISINFORMATION



How do you protect yourself from “conspiring men in the last days”?

D&C 89:4



DISINFORMATION



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What do you do about evil and conspiring people who try to deceive you?

Do not trust everything on the
Internet



“Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be **great pollutions upon the face of the earth**; there shall be murders, and robbing, and lying, and **deceivings**, and whoredoms, and all manner of abominations; when there shall be many who will say, **Do this, or do that, and it mattereth not**, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such, for they are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity.”

Mormon 8:31



INTERNET

“Behold, verily I say unto you, that there are many spirits which are false spirits, which have gone forth in the earth, deceiving the world.”

D&C 50:2

INTERNET



“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” (Matthew 24:11)



“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 24:24)

INTERNET



“There is safety in learning doctrine in gatherings which are sponsored by proper authority. Some members, even some who have made covenants in the temple, are associating with groups of one kind or another which have an element of secrecy about them and which **pretend to have some higher source of inspiration** concerning the fulfillment of prophecies than do ward or stake leaders or the General Authorities of the Church” (Boyd K. Packer, October 1991).

INTERNET



“Know this: There are counterfeit revelations which, we are warned, ‘if possible ... shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant’ (JS—M 1:22)” (Boyd K. Packer, October 1991).



INTERNET



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What are the dangers of looking for revelation from the Internet and social media?

GUIDELINES

How to tell the difference between true and counterfeit forms of revelation

GUIDELINE

Is it good?



Wherefore, **all things which are good cometh of God**; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually.

Moroni 7:12

But behold, **that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good** continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.

Moroni 7:13

Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.

Moroni 7:14

For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; **and the way to judge is as plain**, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night.

Moroni 7:15

For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, **that he may know good from evil**; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; **wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.**

Moroni 7:16

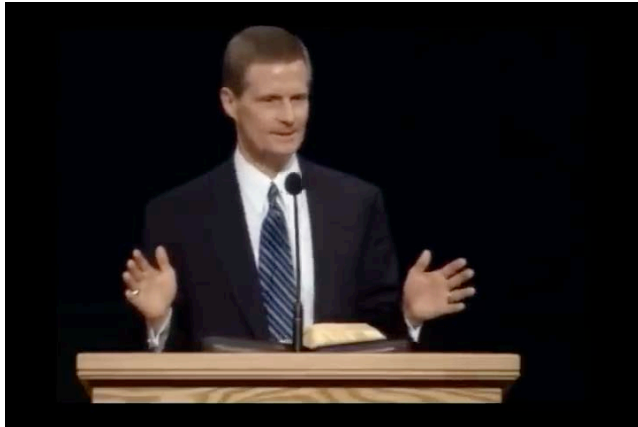
But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, **then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil**; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him. Moroni 7:17

And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, **see that ye do not judge wrongfully**; for with that same judgment which ye judge ye shall also be judged.

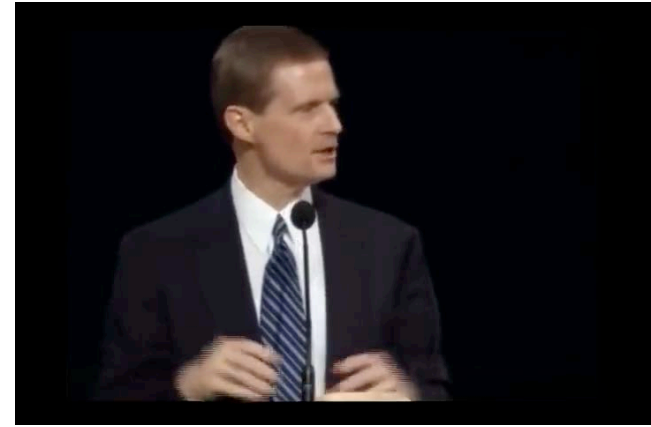
Moroni 7:18



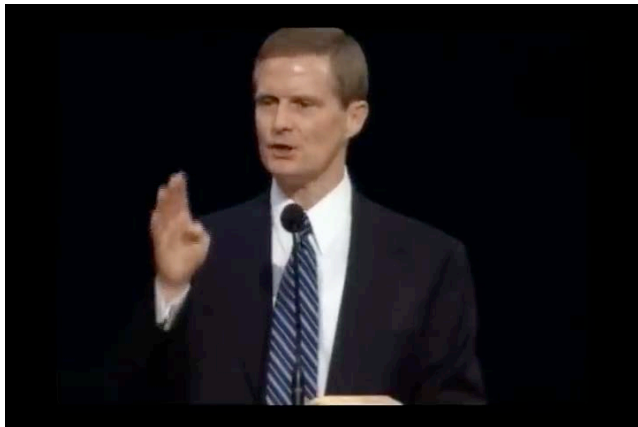
As we travel the world, we invite people to ask questions. There is one question that is asked most often. It's a very simple question: Elder Bednar, how do I know if it's the Holy Ghost or just me?



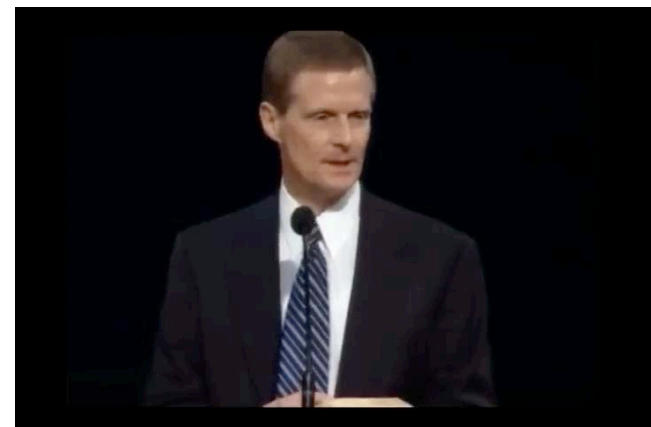
But I watched so many members of the church and I watched so many elders and sisters who are paralyzed because they don't want to go unless they know they're under the influence of the Spirit. Well guess what: when you're sitting there, you are not under the influence of the spirit. The Scriptures say you are to press forward not sit still. Press forward with a steadfastness in Christ and when you are moving you will be guided and you have to have the confidence and the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to know that he will help you.



Can you hear the lesson I'm trying to teach? Don't just sit and wait for some dramatic message to come from heaven. You be a good boy. You be a good girl. You honor your covenants. Keep the commandments. Press forward with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and He will guide your steps. And as you open your mouth, it will be filled. Don't be paralyzed wondering 'is this me or is this the Holy Ghost?' Get over it. Quit worrying about it.



As you are pressing forward, God will guide your steps. To open your mouth, He will inspire your utterances. You will become a tool in his hands to be at the right place at the right time.



Elders and sisters, quit worrying about it. If you are good, then every good thought that you have is inspired by the Holy Ghost. Everything that is good comes from God. So just quit worrying about it.

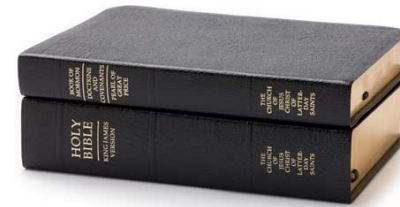


HOMework

Read the questions. Ponder. Write in your journal.

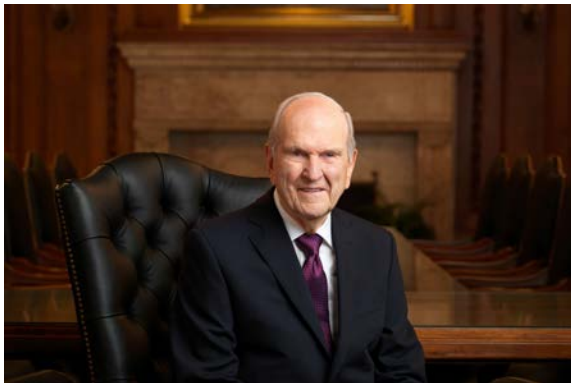
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What do the scriptures say?



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What does the prophet say?



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What do the Twelve say?



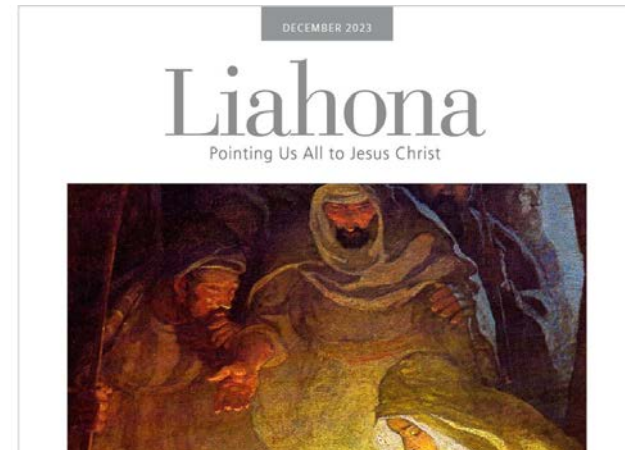
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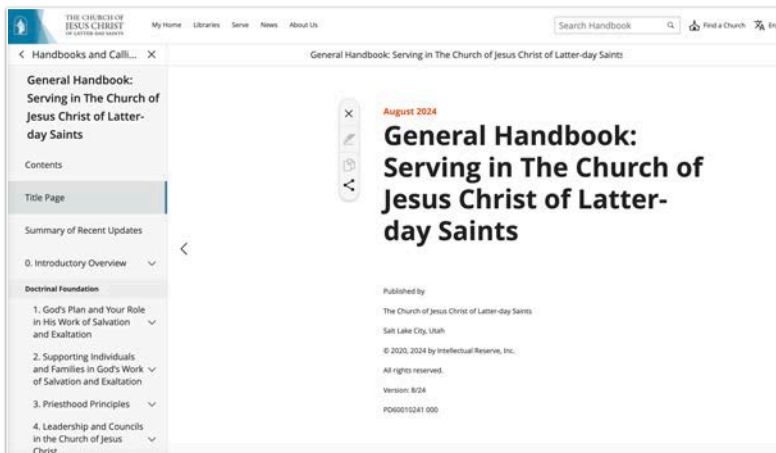
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What does Liahona say?



GUIDELINE

What does the Handbook say?



Does the claimed revelation contradict gospel principles, or church programs and procedures as established by the first president in the corner of the 12 apostles?

"Hearing the Voice of the Lord" by Gerald N. Lund, 254

Is the purported revelation, and how it was given, in harmony with God's nature; that is, is it relevant, orderly, sacred, enlightening, sensible, natural, holy, dignified, and uplifting?

"Hearing the Voice of the Lord" by Gerald N. Lund, 254

When we hear a sensational rumor or prophecy or a new interpretation of doctrine of scripture or a faith promoting story, do we check to see if it came through established patterns of communication from those who lead the church?

"Hearing the Voice of the Lord" by Gerald N. Lund, 254

Is someone without priesthood keys or designated authority trying to direct or correct someone for whom they have no responsibility?

"Hearing the Voice of the Lord" by Gerald N. Lund, 254

GUIDELINE

Does it edify?



“And that which doth not edify
is not of God, and is darkness.”

D&C 50:23

Does what is given in the
revelation lead us to do good
and to strive to be more like
the Father and the Son?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 254

Did this supposed revelatory
experience bring light and
truth, enlightenment, and
understanding to our minds
and hearts?

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GUIDELINE

Does it support self-reliance?



Are you expecting to be led by the Spirit in every tiny, detailed aspect of your lives, including trivial things?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 255

Could this possibly be a case where the Lord is telling you that this decision is your choice, that it doesn't matter to Him, or that either alternative is acceptable to Him?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 255

Are we always using the language such as: I don't do anything until I have a confirmation from the Holy Ghost?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 255

GUIDELINE

Are your motives pure?



Does the motive behind this “revelation” seem to be to get personal gain, glory, or benefit of the receiver?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 255

Does this revelation further the work of the Lord and bring glory to him rather than glory, benefit, or personal gain to you?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 256

Does the revelation pertain to a financial scheme that is being talented as inspired but they will, if successful, actually bring the greatest benefit to the person who has received the so-called revelation?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 256

Even when there might not be financial gain, does what the person is teaching or claiming to be true, bring him or her personal fame, glory, importance, or adulation, and therefore qualify as a form of priestcraft?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 256

GUIDELINE

**Has the Lord confirmed that
this particular revelation
comes from Him?**



After careful prayer, pondering,
and honest, searching of the
heart, does it feel right?
See D&C 9:7–9.

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 257

After following what we
thought might be prompting
of the Spirit, did we receive
some kind of clear
confirmation that what we
received was from the Lord?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 257

Only the Lord knows the thoughts
and intents of our hearts. Have we
received something in our mind or
heart that no one else except the
Lord could have known?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 257

Do I feel at peace with this decision or with accepting what was received? See D&C 6:23.

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 257

GUIDELINE

Can you honestly say that your greatest desire is to do God’s will?



Are your motives pure? Is your greatest desire to promote God’s work and not some selfish purpose?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are you truly willing to accept revelation in God’s own time, and in His own way, and according to His own will? See D&C 88:68

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are you seeking to counsel
the Lord? Or are you seeking
counsel from Him?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are you making the same mistake
as Oliver Cowdery “when you
took no thought save it was to
ask me?” See D&C 9:7

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are you asking for
something that is not
expedient for you?

“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are you asking for a
revelation on an issue
concerning something God
has already told you about?


“Hearing the Voice of the Lord” by Gerald N. Lund, 258

Are your own needs
deliberately pushed away so
that you do what is in
harmony with God's will?

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
How else can you tell the
difference between true and
counterfeit forms of
revelation?


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Study the Topical Guide

Deceive, Deceit	False
Falsehood	False Prophets
Hypocrisy	Anti-Christ
Lie	Devil, Church of
Beguile	False Christ's
Cheat	Priestcraft
Craftiness	Priests, False
Cunning	False Priesthoods

Write down Sherem's counterfeit revelations and lies

Study SHEREM

“And it came to pass that on the morrow the multitude were gathered together; and he [Sherem] spake plainly unto them and denied the things which he had taught them, and confessed the Christ, and the power of the Holy Ghost, and the ministering of angels.

“And he spake plainly unto them, **that he had been deceived by the power of the devil.** And he spake of hell, and of eternity, and of eternal punishment.”

Jacob 7:17–18



Sherem is struck by the power of God after asking for a sign. (Jacob 7)

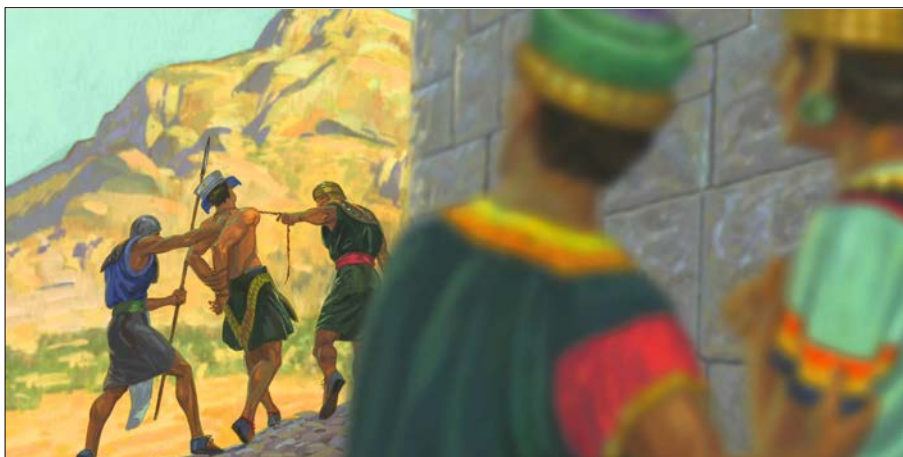
Write down Nehor's counterfeit revelations and lies

Study NEHOR

“And it came to pass that in the first year of the reign of Alma in the judgment-seat, there was a man brought before him to be judged, a man who was large, and was noted for his much strength.

“And he had gone about among the people, preaching to them **that which he termed to be the word of God**, bearing down against the church...”

Alma 1:2–3



“...and there he [Nehor] suffered an ignominious death” (Alma 1:15)

Write down Korihor's counterfeit revelations and lies

Study KORIHOR

“And Korihor put forth his hand and wrote, saying: I know that I am dumb, for I cannot speak; and I know that nothing save it were the power of God could bring this upon me; yea, and I always knew that there was a God.

“But behold, **the devil hath deceived me**; for he appeared unto me in the form of an angel, and said unto me: Go and reclaim this people, for they have all gone astray after an unknown God.”

Alma 30:52–53



Alma tells Korihor: "The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God" (Alma 30:44)



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