

THE
Mapping Mormon Issues
PROJECT



WITH JOHN-CHARLES Duffy's article, "Mapping Book of Mormon Historicity Debates—Part I," starting on the following page, Sunstone launches a new initiative: The Mapping Mormon Issues Project (MMI). The project's goal is to commission framing articles to orient readers in the various debates relating to challenging historical, theological, and scriptural issues within Mormonism. MMI articles will provide reliable overviews of these difficult aspects of LDS history, theology, and Church administration in a fair, balanced way, thus serving as a good resource to help those who are just becoming aware of the issues "get up to speed" quickly. Readers will receive an overview of the basic arguments, learn the key scholars and theologians advancing the debates, and identify the landmark writings on the issues.

The Mapping Mormon Issues Project will also contain an online component. Through clicking a link on the SUNSTONEMAGAZINE.COM webpage, interested persons will be able to read each MMI article and listen to interviews with its author, as well as with the key persons involved in the debates. The MMI portion of the website will also contain free access to past Sunstone symposium sessions related to the topic, suggestions for further reading, and links to articles and other good resources available online. After the first ten MMI topics are published, Sunstone plans to publish them in book form.

MAPPING MORMON ISSUES articles are commissioned pieces, and the project has so far received generous support from Ronda and Mike Callister of Logan, Utah, and through a few additional directed donations. To date, these gifts have allowed the project to launch the research, writing, interviewing, and gathering of resources for six MMI topics, but the initiative still needs your support. To donate or learn more about the Mapping Mormon Issues Project, please visit SUNSTONEMAGAZINE.COM, contact Sunstone by phone at 801.355.5926, or email us at mmi@sunstonemagazine.com.

We hope you will enjoy the fruits of the MMI initiative and look forward to partnering with you in providing this window into vital discussions for those seeking to better understand Mormonism's past and present.

