

SUNSTONE

MORMON EXPERIENCE, SCHOLARSHIP, ISSUES, & ART

APRIL 2006

Issue 141



SUNSTONE (ISSN 0363-1370) is published by The Sunstone Education Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation with no official ties to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Articles represent the opinions of the writers only.

SUNSTONE is indexed in the *Index to Book Reviews in Religion and Religion Indexes: RIO/RIT/IBBR 1975—on CD-ROM*.

Submissions may be on IBM-PC compatible computer discs (MS Word or WordPerfect format), or by e-mail attachment. Submissions should not exceed 8,000 words and must be accompanied by a signed letter giving permission for the manuscript to be filed in the Sunstone Collection at the University of Utah Marriott Library (all literary rights are retained by authors). Manuscripts will not be returned; authors will be notified concerning acceptance within ninety days.

SUNSTONE is interested in feature- and column-length articles relevant to Mormonism from a variety of perspectives, news stories about Mormons and the LDS Church, and short reflections and commentary. Poetry submissions should have one poem per page, with the poet's name and address on each page; a self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany each submission. Short poems—haiku, limericks, couplets, and one-liners—are very welcome. Short stories are selected only through the annual Brookie and D. K. Brown Memorial Fiction Contest (next submission deadline: 30 June 2006; \$5 fee per story). Letters for publication should be identified. SUNSTONE does not acknowledge receipt of letters to the editor. Letters addressed to specific authors will be forwarded, unopened, to them.

SUNSTONE will not provide subscriber addresses to mail list solicitors without permission. Send all correspondence and manuscripts to:

SUNSTONE
343 N. Third West
Salt Lake City, UT 84103-1215
(801) 355-5926
fax: (801) 355-4043
email: info@sunstoneonline.com
website: www.sunstoneonline.com

United States subscriptions to SUNSTONE are \$36 for 6 issues, \$65 for 12 issues, and \$90 for 18 issues. International subscriptions are \$48 for 6 issues; \$89 for 12 issues; \$126 for 18 issues. All payments must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. All international subscriptions will be sent via surface mail. Bona fide student and missionary subscriptions are \$10 less than the above rates. A \$10 service charge will be deducted from refund amount on cancellations.

Printed by **MOORE WALLACE**
AN R.R. DONNELLEY COMPANY

Copyright © 2006, The Sunstone Education Foundation.
All rights reserved.
Printed in the United States of America.

FEATURES

- 20 *Philip G. McLemore* MORMON MANTRAS: A JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION
- 32 *Don Bradley* "THE GRAND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF MORMONISM": JOSEPH SMITH'S UNFINISHED REFORMATION
- 42 *Emily Pearson* IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES
- 49 *Brett Alan Sanders* THE GOLDEN BOY OF ROSARIO
- 52 *John Donald Gustav-Wrathall* A GAY MORMON'S TESTIMONY
- 58 *Helen Walker Jones* THE ONLY WORD I KNOW
2003 Brookie & D. K. Brown
Fiction Contest Moonstone Winner
- 62 *Eric Samuelsen* PECULIARITIES: *Temps*

POETRY

- 14 *Walt McDonald* CANCER AND THE LION'S DEN
- 31 *Laverne Frith* THE PEASANT HOUSE
- 41 *Michael R. Collings* ON SPEAKING A CHILD'S BLESSING
IN NOVEMBER
- 61 *Johann de la Rosa* MY SKIN

COLUMNS

- 5 *Jan Shipps* IN MEMORIAM: Valeen Tippetts Avery
- 6 TOUCHSTONES: Wealth
- 10 *Dan Wotherspoon* FROM THE EDITOR: Breaks in the Sky
- 12 *Rick Jepson* BOUNDS AND CONDITIONS:
As We're Capable of Receiving
CORNUCOPIA
- 15 *Brian H. Stuy* THE REST OF THE STORY: *Rethinking Judas*
- 16 *Scot Denhalter* CYBERSAINTS: *Who Loves Big Love?*
- 17 *Todd Robert Petersen* IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE:
I'm a Mormon, Mister—Part II
SUGAR BEET
- 19 *Amy Chamberlain* *Playdaters Receive Inspired Counsel*
- 19 *Paul Allen* "My Little Factory" *Cut from Primary Song List*
- 68 *D. Jeff Burton* BRAVING THE BORDERLANDS...:
More Tales from the Borderlands
CELEBRATING THE BACKSLIDER
- 70 *Cherie Woodworth* Frank Windham at Forty
- 71 *Bruce Jorgensen* Still Laughing with the Best Comic
Mormon Novel So Far
- 80 *Dallin H. Oaks* AN OLIVE LEAF: "What We Have Become. . ."

UPDATE

- 74 President Hinckley speaks about his life and health, condemns lingering racism; Church supports constitutional amendment on marriage; Protests at BYU; Encouragement for LDS Democrats; "Are Mormons Christian?" controversy hits theaters

Cover Photograph by Noah Grey: [HTTP://NOAHGREY.COM](http://NOAHGREY.COM). Used by permission.