

DOCTRINAL COMMENTARY ON THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

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Preface

For several years I have been teaching courses in the Pearl of Great Price at Brigham Young University. This volume is in many ways a product of these years of study and discussion. In presenting it to the public, I would like to express appreciation to those students who have challenged me in my thinking and contributed to my understanding of the Pearl of Great Price. Though the historical events associated with the Pearl of Great Price are of great importance, I have taken the view that the message of the book is of primary value. This volume therefore deals almost exclusively with the teachings of the Pearl of Great Price.

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