

have resulted in its being so disrupted that it almost completely disintegrated. Paul dealt vigorously with some of these aspects in his first letter to the carnal Corinthian church, but they are never so much as referred to in those other marvellous letters by Paul, Peter or John, in which they emphasize the higher spiritual blessings and expound principles for the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of the churches. For special purposes the Lord provided certain unusual manifestations in the very beginning of the Gospel period, but we have no reason to believe it to be His will that similar manifestations should appear at later times, or even in the latter part of the Apostolic age, when most of the New Testament was written, particularly in view of the fact that all these great apostles never refer to them except in the case of this one epistle to the carnal Corinthian church. Even there Paul was not urging establishment or continuance of a practice, but he was trying to cut down the extremes to which it had been carried. Nowhere in the New Testament is it suggested that speaking in tongues was an evidence of having attained a higher spiritual life. It is indeed striking that neither the Epistles to the Ephesians nor to the Colossians, nor any of the Pastoral Epistles, nor any of the writings of Peter or John even mention such a practice....

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MORMONISM

Dear Dr MacRae,

Recently we had the pleasure of meeting two fine young Mormon missionaries who aroused our interest in the Book of Mormon, and the Church of Latter Day Saints. In reading the Book of Mormon we realized that the book could very well be about the House of Joseph, being one of the two sticks of