

Priesthood Authority Principles

Supporting the Second Book of Commandments

1. Brother Crossfield was a convert to the LDS church in 1950. He was soon after ordained an Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood by the church authorities in Canada. We believe that the Power of the Holy Ghost must be IN the one who ordains another, for the ordination to be valid. This is taught in [D&C 20:60](#). We believe this ordination of Brother Crossfield was done in this manner, and thus was valid.
2. Only God can give true Priesthood, and only God can take it away. D&C 60:20 verifies this.
3. By our understanding, the Gentile church by that time had polluted the Priesthood, but had not fully lost it. [2BC 24](#) brings to light the major problems that the church has had under Gentile leadership. The head of the church in Canada was N. Eldon Tanner, and brother Crossfield knew brother Tanner well, and was taught many things by him. We believe that Brother Tanner was following the original teachings of the church, and was keeping many of these errors out of the church under his jurisdiction. Brother Crossfield testifies that when N. Eldon Tanner walked in a room behind you, you could feel the presence of the Spirit with him. 2BC 109 mentions brother Tanner.
4. Thus, Brother Crossfield did fulfill the following teaching: [D&C 43:7](#) "For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me shall come in at the gate and be ordained as I have told you before, to teach those revelations which you have received and shall receive through him whom I have appointed."
5. Brother Crossfield remained a faithful Elder in the church. In 1961 he received his first revelation unexpectedly. This revelation is [Section 1](#) in the Second Book of Commandments. 2BC Sections up to Sections 39 are found in [here](http://www.2bc.info/pdf/2bc-fi39.pdf): <http://www.2bc.info/pdf/2bc-fi39.pdf>
6. Brother Crossfield immediately sent this first revelation to the President of the church, David O McKay. He received no response from the church. He remained faithful to the church, and continued to receive a few revelations for years. He sent them to the church leadership, including Elder N. Eldon Tanner who then was a General Authority, but there was never any response. In 1972 the church excommunicated him, on the insistence of one of his neighbors, a niece of Elder Mark E Peterson, without even talking with him. He did not attend the trial.
7. Can a man who is not the head of the church receive Word of the LORD revelations from the LORD? Here is part of a revelation received by Elder Wilford Woodruff while John Taylor was the head of the church:
 - 67 And while My servant John Taylor is your President, I wish to ask the rest of My servants of the apostles the question:
 - 68 Although you have one to preside over your Quorum, and over the church, which is the order of God in all generations, do you not, all of you, hold the Apostleship, which is the highest authority ever given to man on the earth? You do.
 - 69 Therefore, you hold in common the keys of the kingdom of God in all the world.
 - 70 You, each of you, have power to unlock the veil of eternity, and hold converse with God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to have the ministration of angels.
 - 71 It is your right, privilege, and duty to inquire of the LORD as to His mind and will concerning yourselves, and the inhabitants of Zion and their interests.
 - 72 And whenever any one of you receives the Word of the LORD, let it be written, and presented in your councils.
 - 73 And whatever by a united consent you deem wisdom to be presented unto the people, let it be presented by the President, My servant John Taylor, as the word of the LORD.
 - 74 In this way you will uphold him, and strengthen his hands, as all the burden should not rest upon one man.
 - 75 For thus saith the LORD, all of Mine apostles should be full of the Holy Ghost, of inspiration and revelation, and know the mind and will of God, and be prepared for that which is to come.

-- First Book of Commandments (unpublished) Section 179 At Sunset, Arizona Territory
Revelation Received Monday, January 26, 1880 By Apostle Wilford Woodruff
(Wilford Woodruff Journal, Recorded Twice: On Dec. 28, 1880 and April 17, 1897)

This revelation clearly teaches that others who hold the Priesthood CAN receive Word of the LORD revelation, but it must be sent to the head first, who will approve what goes out. This pattern was followed by Brother Crossfield.

8. Our faith is that Brother Crossfield was foreordained to be a Prophet at this time. He was not seeking to be the President of the church, as the President of the church does not have to be the Prophet. The idea that he would have to have the Apostleship, or “all the keys” is also not necessary. He has the authority to do what he has been given to do: beginning with bringing forth Oracles. The 2BC is “the fruits” that verify that he has the gift he claims to have.

9. The church leadership have clearly lost the gift of bringing forth further Word of the LORD revelations. There is absolutely no evidence that they have the gift, nor have had it for 120 years since President Woodruff’s 1889 revelation. [D&C 43:9-10](#) clearly warned that gifts and blessings could be lost from the church if they did not heed the revelations they had. The D&C is full of instructions the church does not live by, and hardly even discusses. When the gift is lost, the promises with the gift are also lost. Clearly, having lost the gift, the LORD had the right to take away the authority and keys of that gift from the church leadership, and give it to one prepared to honor it.

10. The Melchizedek Priesthood cannot function correctly without revelation. In fact, revelation is the essence of Priesthood Authority. Clearly, if God reveals for one to do something, then he has the authority to do it. Thus, the revelations in the Second Book of Commandments are the most primary form of Priesthood Authority. If the 2BC is true revelation, then the Prophet who received it must have authority. No matter what keys and authority others claim, without revelation they cannot function correctly. If anyone claims revelation, then we are justified in looking for the fruits of their gift.

11. In [D&C 1:6](#) the Lord says: “Behold, THIS is mine authority and the authority of my servants...” If one looks for the antecedent of “THIS”, they find in verse 2 that it is the “Voice of the LORD”. Clearly, the Voice of the LORD is “Authority” to those who receive it and live by it. Again, true revelation is the fountain source of Priesthood Authority. Without true revelation, Priesthood Authority is soon lost.

12. In 1968 the LORD instructed Brother Crossfield to publish the current set of revelations, which he did, as the *Book of Onias*. (Now it is called the *Second Book of Commandments*.) Copies were sent to libraries in the Western US and Western Canada.

13. Until 1981, Brother Crossfield remained alone. In 1981 the School of the Prophets was set up at Boise, Idaho, and a few others were called by revelation to this work. Never at any time has Brother Crossfield or the School set up a church, or tried to compete with the LORD’s Gentile church by doing missionary work.

14. The LORD will not 1. give revelation that contradicts other revelations, nor will He 2. give a calling to one person when He has already given that calling to another. We have faith that the *Second Book of Commandments*, and the Work it authorizes do not contradict these two points.

15. The LORD clearly predicted in the Book of Mormon that there will be a latter-day SHIFT from “Gentile” to “Jew” (Israel under the government of the Judah). (See [1 Nephi 13:42](#) and [3 Nephi 16:7-13](#)) The LORD has said he does nothing without revealing His secrets unto his servants the Prophets. (Amos 3:7) The Second Book of Commandments clearly exposes the Gentile pollutions, seals up the testimony against them, identifies the racial and other signs of true Israel, and prepares the way for Israel to receive the Priesthood and be given again preeminence over all other peoples, including in the church. Thus, the Second Book of Commandments is central to this prophesied latter-day SHIFT.

16 This work has parallels to the work of the Prophet John the Baptist, who turned the keys against Israel, and began the times of the Gentiles. In our day the keys were turned against the Gentiles in 1987, and Israel is being restored to all its former blessings, as prophesied.

17. The prevalent teaching in the church that the LORD will never allow the Head of the church to go astray actually contradicts scriptures. Inspiration in this regard, that a School member received before knowing of the revelations in the Second Book of Commandments, is [here](http://www.2bc.info/pdf/Nsustain.pdf): <http://www.2bc.info/pdf/Nsustain.pdf> Many in the church feel that in defending the Brethren they are defending the church and the gospel, but what they are really doing is the “politics of men”. No one is above the law of God. No one is above failing.

18. The first issue the LORD had with the church leaders in these revelations is that they had to fight to live by D&C 132:44 which required that a woman married in the New and Everlasting covenant-- if she loses her husband to apostasy or death-- had to have the right to marry another in the covenant, even if it meant plural marriage. The church leadership fully rejected this revelations from the LORD, so the LORD allowed the church to act according to their own wisdom and desires. This led them into a great error almost immediately, by seeking to give the Priesthood to the black races, to appease the world. This was done without the common consent of members, but the far majority of the Gentile church members trusted the leadership and seemed to be happy with the new change. Unless the Gentile church members and leaders repent, they cannot receive more revelation, and thus cannot function correctly in the Priesthood. Their works are the works of men.

19. The Melchizedek Priesthood can exist outside of the church organization. It obviously existed before the church was organized-- in fact the church clearly was created by the Priesthood, not the other way around. In the Book of Mormon there is reference to Priesthood officers being brought back into the church: Moroni 6:1. This is explained in 2BC 8. The church had been broken up, but many in the Priesthood still retained their Priesthood. When the church was set in order, these Priesthood officers were then baptized back into the church if they were still worthy.

20. Soon after being excommunicated, Brother Crossfield received the most important revelation of the Eternal Worlds that he has ever received: Section 23. This revelation clarifies the understanding of God, resolves confusion over the Adam-God teachings of President Young, and reveals the identity of the Holy Ghost. Then he received Section 24, another profound revelation on the coming cleansing of the church. This further revelation, continuing even to the present, is a witness that the Priesthood remains with the Prophet, and School that he was called to set up.

21. President Brigham Young, who claimed that all his doctrine came from the Prophet Joseph, taught that even one Elder could restore the entire Priesthood organization-- but only by revelation:

“Suppose the Enemy had power to destroy all but one of the High Priests from the face of the earth, what would that one possess in the power of his Priesthood? He would have power and authority to go and preach, baptize, confirm, ordain, and set in order the kingdom of God in all its perfection on the earth. Could he do this without revelation? No. Could the Seventies? No. Could the Twelve? No. And we ask, Could Joseph Smith or the First Presidency do this without revelation? No; not one of them could do such a work without revelation direct from God. I can go still further. Whoever is ordained to the office of an Elder to a certain degree possesses the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood; and suppose only one Elder should be left on the earth, could he go and set in order the kingdom of God? Yes, by revelation.”

[Link to JD 9:89](http://web.archive.org/web/20040726205637/http://journals.mormonfundamentalism.org/Vol_09/refJDvol9-17.html) : http://web.archive.org/web/20040726205637/http://journals.mormonfundamentalism.org/Vol_09/refJDvol9-17.html

22. By revelation the LORD has clarified that the Keys of the Priesthood were given to the Melchizedek Priesthood as a body. Many have thought that only those ordained to exercise those keys had them, but this is incorrect. For example, if I hand you a key, and you take it by your hand, then your entire body HAS the key, but your hand HOLDS the key. The hand is a servant for the body to use the key for the benefit of the entire body. If the hand dies or falls away, then the body STILL HAS the key, and can ordain, BY REVELATION, another man to hold the key.

23. Revelation to set men apart to offices must also be associated with the knowledge of how the Priesthood functions in these offices. These “keys of knowledge” can also come in only one way: by revelation. 2BC 110 elaborates on this. Thus, the REAL key is true revelation, and the keys of knowledge it brings. A man by the name of Frank Miller, who later made the false claim of being the One Mighty and Strong, received an important revelation on Priesthood Keys that the LORD indicated was correct. (See 2BC 90:1) Frank’s revelation is [here](http://www.2bc.info/pdf/Fmiller.pdf): <http://www.2bc.info/pdf/Fmiller.pdf>

24. Many think that the keys of the Priesthood can never be lost by those given them. This is simply not correct. If men lose the true Spirit and gifts, then ANY man who correctly holds the Melchizedek Priesthood can be called to hold ANY office in the LORD’s kingdom IF it is done by revelation from the LORD. The LORD is the true head of the true Priesthood, not any man on earth.

25. The keys belong to the entire Priesthood body, not just those who are called to hold them for the body. Thus the keys of the School of the Prophets, given to the Prophet Joseph, and to the church Priesthood, were given by revelation to brother Crossfield, who held the Priesthood correctly. The School of the Prophets, as a separate organization, had long been done away with in the church. Furthermore, the keys of the long forgotten United Order have also been given to the Prophet and School, and a United Order has been set up since 1989.

26. Thus, since the church leadership rejected the revelations being sent to them by a Prophet foreordained of the LORD, they LOST the ability to function in the Priesthood. Thus they have continued to do the works of men, without revelation, and have made many errors. However, [2BC 24](#) clearly prophesies that soon the LORD will bring about a Year of Cleansing in the church, and the church and Temples will finally be brought back under the jurisdiction of those guided by revelation. We urge all to prepare for this coming cleansing of the church.

27. [D&C 132:7](#) clearly teaches that only one man at a time is set apart on the earth to hold the keys of sealing marriages and other covenants for Eternity. This verse specifically says these sealings must be done “by revelation”. Clearly, the Priesthood cannot perform sealings without true revelation at the head. The keys of this authority, restored through the Prophet Joseph, remain with the body of faithful Melchizedek Priesthood holders. Only those who have true revelation have access to this sealing authority.

28. Further revelation to the Prophet (2BC 204) has clarified that the Melchizedek Priesthood was restored to the Prophet Joseph BY REVELATION in the home of Father Whitmer, as described in [History of the Church, volume 1, page 62](#). Brother Joseph and Oliver Cowdery were ordained later by Peter, James and John to the Apostleship, but the Melchizedek Priesthood was restored by revelation in June 1829.

Link to HC 1:62: <http://www.boap.org/LDS/History/HTMLHistory/v1c7history.html>

29. Further understanding of Priesthood was given again in 2BC 205, showing that ALL those who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood were foreordained in the Spirit world to hold this priesthood on earth if they qualified themselves here. Revelation is given when a man qualifies. None on earth now in the black races were foreordained to hold the Priesthood, according to the justice and wisdom of God, thus those who seek to ordain such expose themselves as false prophets.

30. Brother Crossfield has written a document himself concerning Priesthood Authority that can be read [here](#): <http://www.2bc.info/PA.html>