

# 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. The head of the church in that area of Canada was N. Eldon Tanner, and brother Crossfield knew him well, and was taught many things by him. Brother Tanner was following the original teachings of the church, and was keeping many 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.

2. It is taught in [D&C 20:60](#) that the **POWER** of the Holy Ghost must be **IN** the one who ordains another, for the ordination to be valid. We believe this ordination of Brother Crossfield was done in this manner, and thus was valid. **Only God can give true Priesthood, and thus only God can take it away.** D&C 20:60 verifies this.

3. 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."

4. 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 Section 100 are found [here](#).

5. 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.

6. 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 ([Also found here.](#))

Revelation Received Monday, January 26, 1880 By Apostle Wilford Woodruff

(Wilford Woodruff Journal, recorded twice: 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.

7. 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. Being fore-ordained, he has the authority to do what he has been given to do: bring forth Oracles as the Mouthpiece for the Lord. The 2BC is “the fruits” that verify that he has the gift he claims to have. If the Gentile church leadership would not have rejected him, the promises of further revelation for the church would have begun.

8. The church leadership have clearly lost the gift of bringing forth further Word of the LORD revelations. There is no available evidence that they have the gift, nor have had it for over 125 years since President Woodruff’s 1889 revelation. [D&C 43:9-10](#) clearly warns that gifts and blessings can be lost from the church if they do not heed the revelations they have. The D&C is FULL of instructions the church does not live by. **When the gift is lost, the promises with the gift are also lost.** Clearly, having lost the gift, and being interested in living by only part of the D&C law given them, the LORD had the right to take away the authority and keys of that gift from the church and its leaders, and give it to those prepared to honor it.

9. **The Melchizedek Priesthood cannot function correctly without revelation.** A true Priesthood of God MUST include clear communication with God. If others are to accept a prophet, it is very fair when the prophet brings forth a written record of the revelation he receives. Thus, the revelations in the Second Book of Commandments are an evidence of true 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, **and may have**, without revelation they cannot function correctly. If anyone claims revelation, then we are justified in looking for the “fruits” of their revelation. This includes the LDS leadership.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Until 1982, Brother Crossfield remained alone. In 1982 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.

13. The LORD will not give revelation that contradicts other revelations, nor will He 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. The keys of the School of the Prophets and the keys of the United Order were restored to the body of the Melchizedek Priesthood. Since the Church leadership completely neglected these organizations for many, many years, the Lord clearly has the right to give these keys to those who will honor the Lord’s instructions.

14. 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 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*.

15 This work has parallels to the work of the Prophet John the Baptist, who wrested and turned the keys against the Jews, and began the times of the Gentiles. In our day **the keys were turned against the Gentiles** in 1986, and the true blood of Israel is being restored to all their former blessings, as prophesied.

16. The prevalent teaching in the church that the LORD will never allow the President 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 2BC, is [here](#). 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.

17. The Gospel law teaches that all those that receive the Priesthood are brethren and should esteem each other as themselves. This is taught and emphasized twice in [D&C 38:24-25](#). The scriptures do not allow members of the church to dictate doctrine or policy to the church leaders; but the scriptures do give members the right to NOT sustain the leaders and have a “controversy” over them. [D&C 107:81-84](#) gives instructions for having a special trial over the President of the church or one of his counselors. Verse 83 says, "And their decision upon his head shall be an end of CONTROVERSY concerning him." This clearly allows LEGITIMATE controversies over the President of the church until, if it comes to such measures, this special trial settles the matter.

18. But what has happened in the Lord's Gentile church is that the church leaders have pushed for the idea that the Prophet is above any controversy. The "[Fourteen Fundamentals in Following the Prophet](#)" talk and the [Patriarchal blessing quote in this article](#) are two of many, many examples of this type of idolatrous teaching. There is nothing more “all is wellish” and “pacified” than the teaching that the Church President is above possible controversy and failure. Thus, the warning in [2 Nephi 28:21](#) is clearly exposing this false idolatrous spirit and teaching in our day.

19. The first revelation the LORD gave to the church leaders in these revelations is to fight to live by [D&C 132:44](#) which commands that a woman married in the New and Everlasting Covenant who loses her husband to adultery, must have the right to marry another **in the Covenant**, even if it necessitates plural marriage-- otherwise, she cannot live the Covenant. The Gentile church leadership rejected this first revelation 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 prior [common consent](#) of members**, but the far majority of the Gentile church members automatically trusted the leadership and were happy with the new change. Unless the Gentile church members and leaders repent, they cannot receive more revelation, and thus they cannot function correctly in the Priesthood. Their works are the works of men, and they are like the other Gentile churches.

20. The Melchizedek Priesthood **can exist outside of the church organization**. The Priesthood was restored before the church was organized-- so 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, Priesthood officers were then baptized back into the church if they were still worthy and were not re-ordained.

21. 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 and United Order that he was called to set up.

22. 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](#)

23. Many have thought that only those ordained to exercise Priesthood keys have 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 only 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 can ordain, BY REVELATION, another man to hold the key.

24. The keys belong to the entire Priesthood body, not just those who are called to hold them for the body. In 6 above the Lord says: “Therefore, **you hold IN COMMON the keys of the kingdom of God** in all the world.” Thus the keys of the School of the Prophets, restored to the Prophet Joseph, and to the church Priesthood in common, were given **by revelation** to brother Crossfield, who held the Priesthood correctly and who was receiving true revelation. The School of the Prophets 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.

25. 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. 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](#).

26. 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 all true Priesthood, not any man on earth.

27. Thus, since the church leadership rejected revelations being sent to them by a Prophet foreordained of the LORD, they LOST the ability to function in the Priesthood correctly. 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 His Gentile church-- and the church and Temples will finally be brought back under the jurisdiction of those guided by true revelation. We urge all to prepare for this coming cleansing of the church.

28. [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 true eternal sealings without true revelation at the head. The keys of this authority, restored through the Prophet Joseph, remain with the body of Melchizedek Priesthood holders who have remained faithful. **Only those who have true revelation have access to this sealing authority**. None of the ordinances being done in the Gentile church Temples at this time are valid.

29. 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](#). Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were ordained after the church was organized by Peter, James and John to the Apostleship, but the Melchizedek Priesthood was restored by revelation in June 1829.

30. Further understanding of Priesthood was given again in 2BC 205, showing that ALL those who truly hold the Melchizedek Priesthood were **foreordained** in the Spirit world to this priesthood; and receive it on earth when they qualify. Revelation is given to activate it when a man qualifies. This explains why Joseph and Oliver suddenly had their prayers answered at Father Whitmer’s home: fore-ordination IS an ordination, so their spirits already had the Priesthood. It only had to be activated, which was done by revelation at that time.

31. None on earth now in the black races were foreordained to hold the Priesthood, according to the love, justice and wisdom of God, thus those who seek to ordain such expose themselves as false prophets. President Brigham Young, from whom all LDS church leaders claim their authority, taught clearly that the seed of Cain were black and that until all the seed of Able receive the Priesthood, the seed of Cain will not receive it. He said, “And if no other Prophet ever spake it before I will say it now in the name of Jesus Christ.”

32. The 2BC brings forth further understanding of this matter: the pure Negro are not the seed of Adam, and there is no curse on them, but they never will receive the Priesthood. All the seed of Adam, as Cain did after he fell, that intermarry with the pure Negro become the seed of Cain, and none of this seed will receive the Priesthood until all the seed of Able, by adoption, is brought back to earth and receive it first.

33. Brother Crossfield has written a document himself concerning Priesthood Authority that can be read [here](#):

34. And [here](#) is a writing explaining Secondary Evidences supporting the Second Book of Commandments.