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Published in this issue are the papers presented at the international academic conference held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in recognition of the bicentennial of Joseph Smith's birth. These remarkable articles aim to elucidate Joseph's life and mission by positioning him—to the degree possible—within the larger framework of American spirituality and world religions.

Presenters included Latter-day Saint and other Christian scholars from Brigham Young University, Columbia University, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pepperdine University, Roanoke College, the University of Richmond in Virginia, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, and the University of Durham in England.

Even those who do not accept Joseph Smith as a modern prophet can still see him as a sincerely inspired man, a very effective religious leader who sought to correct what he believed to be the flaws and errors of current Christianity—much as John Hus, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, or Roger Williams sought to do." —Robert L. Millet

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