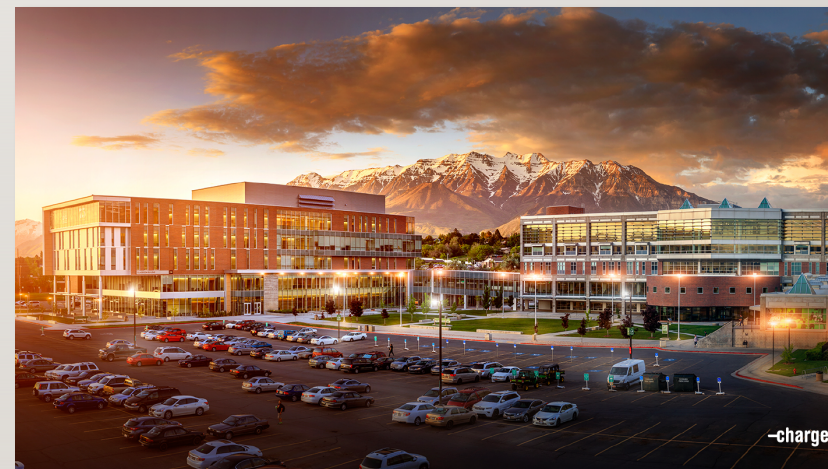
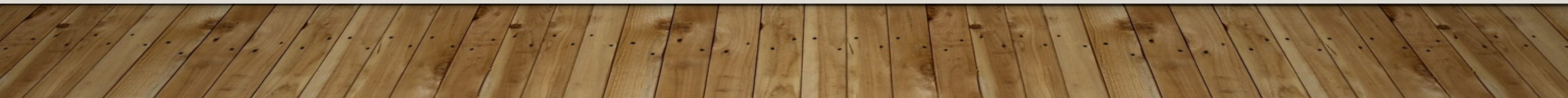


LOVING YOUR LDS NEIGHBOR

WEEK TWO



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AT RATIO CHRISTI....

To all who are weary and need rest

To all who mourn and need comfort

To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares

To all who fail and need strength

To all who sin and need a savior

To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness

To all who have questions and want answers about spiritual things

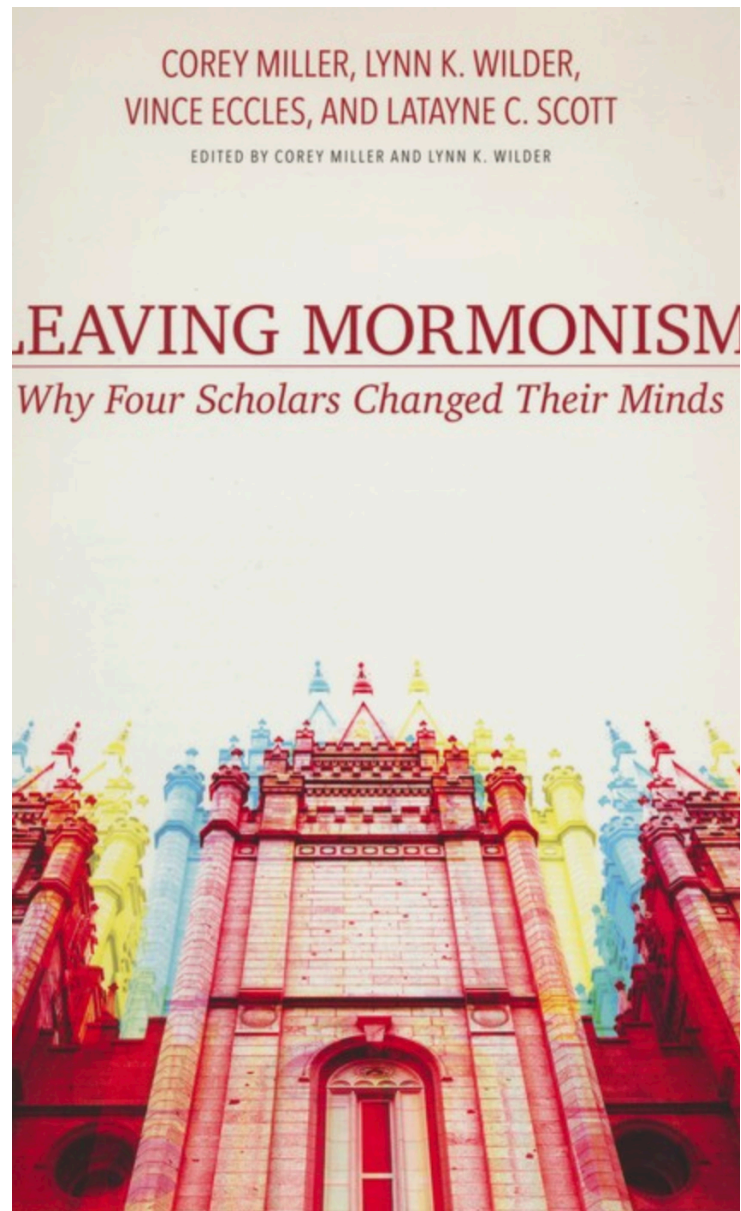
To all who seek a safe place to ask questions and pursue truth

And to whoever else will come

Ratio Christi at UVU opens wide her doors and offers welcome

In the name of the Lord Jesus

Ask Good Questions ---- Seek Good Answers

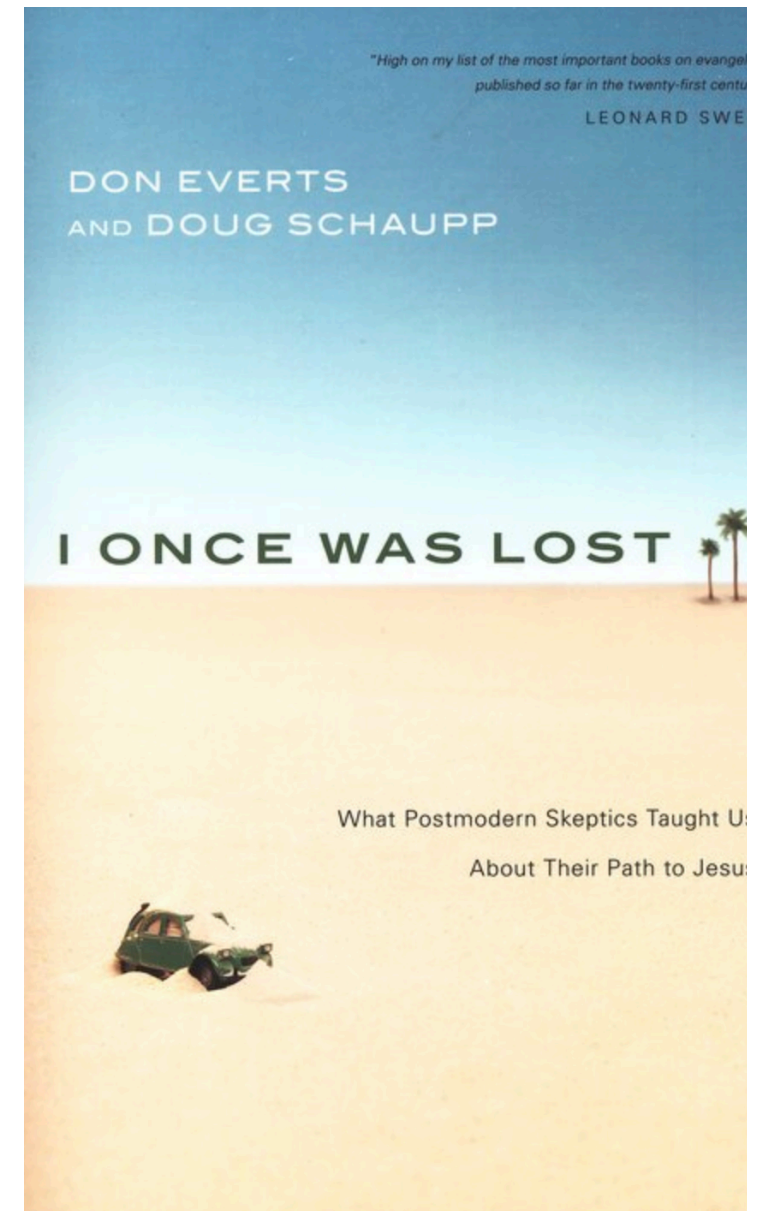
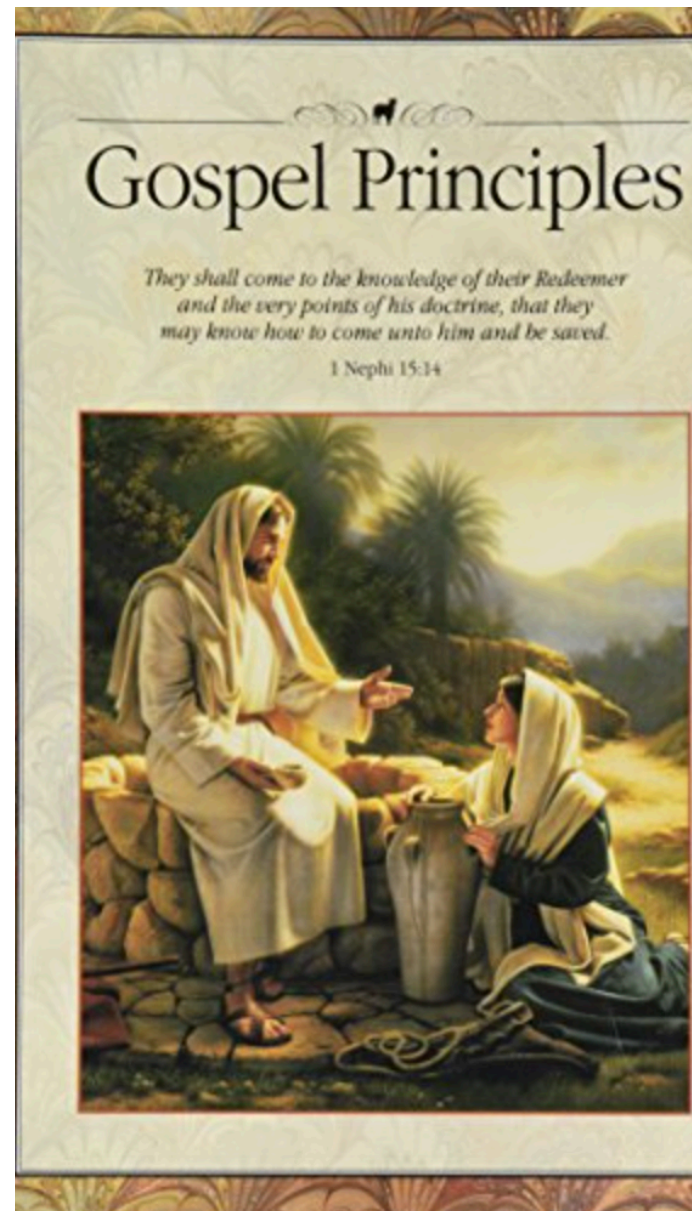
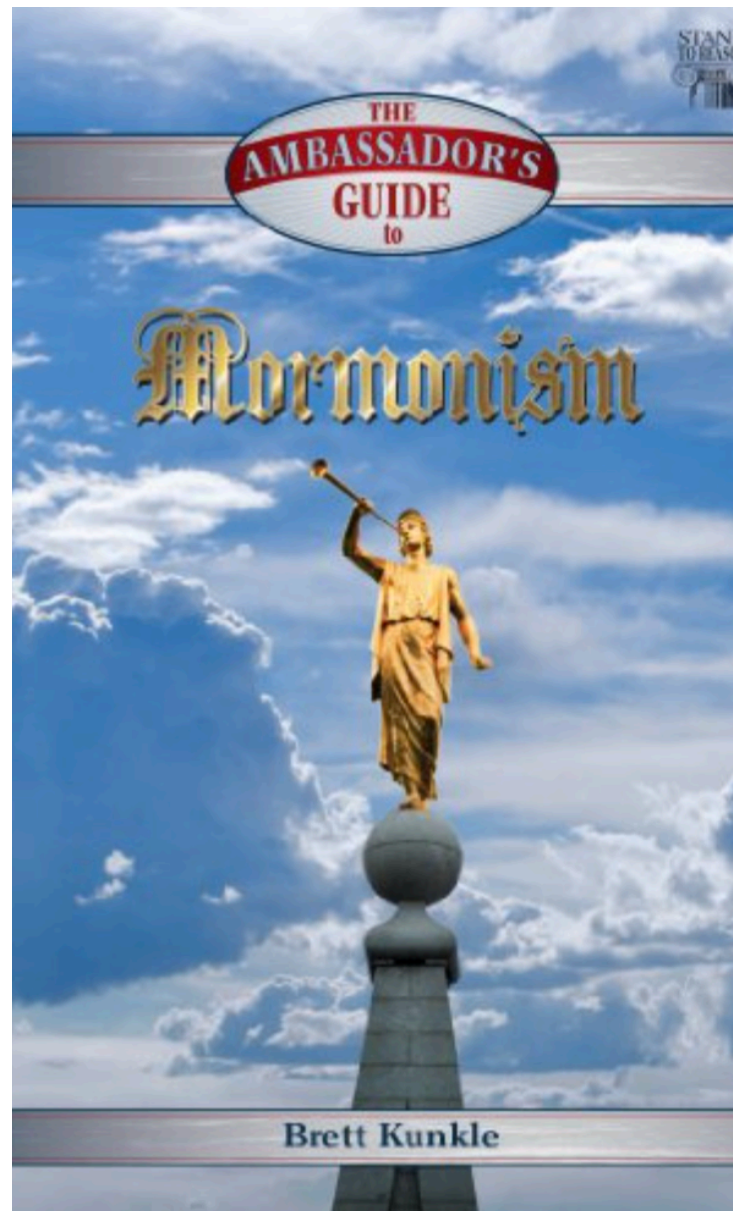


REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

- We love people who are not Christians by telling them the truth
- Truth is that which corresponds to reality
 - Sincerity and belief are not tests for truth
- Two contradictory things can't both be true
 - All religions teach contradictory things and therefore can't all be true
- If you love the TRUE GOSPEL it should break your heart to meet someone who has given their life to a FALSE GOSPEL
- We love them enough to tell them the truth – in LOVE

THE LDS HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW ON ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

- Truth
- God's Nature
- Jesus
- Reliability of the Bible – New Testament Especially
- The Gospel



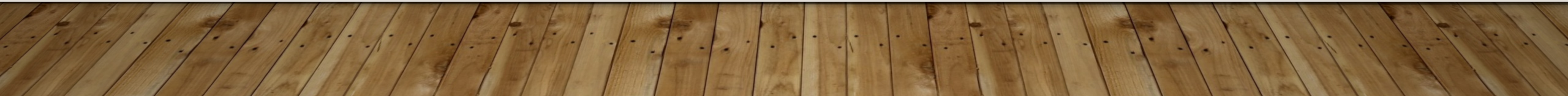
TALKING TO STRANGERS

- What would it take for me to convince you that your Mom was a Cuban spy?
 - What would your initial reaction be?
 - Would you be defensive?
 - Would you be objective?
 - Would it happen in one conversation?
 - Would the other persons attitude and demeanor matter in the conversations?
- Apply this to Mormons – You are asking them to abandon their entire worldview and admit they have been lied to their whole life.
 - Eternal Life for Mormons

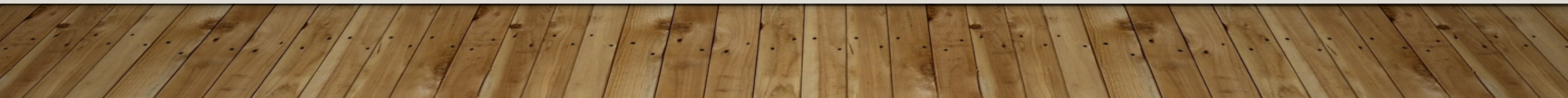
I ONCE WAS LOST

FIVE THRESHOLDS OF POSTMODERN CONVERSION

1. Moved from distrust to trust – they learned to trust a Christian
2. Moved from complacent to curious – they became curious about Jesus
3. Moved from being closed to change to being open to change in their life
 - Hardest threshold to cross
4. Moved from meandering to seeking – they became actively and purposefully seeking God
5. Moved into a saving relationship with Jesus – they repented and trusted in Jesus
 - Where is [X] on this path and how can I help them take the next step?
 - What conversations are appropriate at each level to help them take the next step?



1. I'm a Mormon and you're an Evangelical. What you have is false and I have the full and true gospel.
2. I'm a Mormon/Christian and you're an Evangelical/Christian. We essentially believe the same thing and we can learn from one another.
3. I'm a Mormon/Christian and you're an Evangelical/Christian. I like learning from the Bible and you teach and know the Bible. I want to learn from you.
4. I'm a Mormon and you're a Christian. I realize that we don't believe the same thing about the Bible, God, Jesus, Salvation, etc... and I want to learn more.
5. I'm a Mormon and you're a Christian. I fully realize the differences between the two faiths. I'm counting the cost of truly trusting and following Jesus.
6. I'm a Christian. I am saved by Jesus' performance for me not my performance for him. It has cost me my family, social network and potentially my job. I have a new family of faith now.



STAGES OF MORMONS COMING TO SAVING FAITH

- What questions would be appropriate for a person at each stage?
 - What questions would NOT be appropriate for a person at each stage?
- At what stage would apologetics type questions and discussions come into play?
 - How frustrating will it be to try and have a Level 4 discussion with a level 1 person?
- Think about this with ALL your discussions with unbelievers

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What types of Conversations would be productive/helpful with a Level 1 person ?

- The nature of truth
- Could you be wrong in your religious convictions?
 - How would you know?
- If – by whatever standard you required – you came to believe that Biblical Christianity were true would you become a Christian?
 - What about the converse?
 - How would you begin to figure that out?
- If – by whatever standard you required – you came to believe that the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was not true, would you walk away?
 - How would you figure that out?

WHAT IS TRUTH & HOW DO I KNOW IT?

WHAT ABOUT RELIGIOUS CLAIMS?

- “And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true. And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.” Moroni 10:4-5
- “In Mormon epistemology good reasons are replaced with feelings in the form of a personal testimony. How do Mormons know their scripture, prophet, and church are true? Because of their testimony. They’ve prayed about these matters and received positive feelings. This justification claimed by Mormons is usually the only rationale they can provide.” Brett Kunkle

WHAT IS TRUTH & HOW DO I KNOW IT?

WHAT ABOUT RELIGIOUS CLAIMS?

- Do we use this method of knowing in any other area of life?
 - Do you pray about whether Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States?
- Problems with relying solely on personal experience
 - Have your feelings ever been wrong?
 - Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?”
 - What about contradicting personal experiences?
- Christian view of knowledge
 - Truth is that which corresponds to reality.
 - Acts 17 – Bereans “...and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.”

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**What types of Conversations would be
productive or helpful with a Level 2 Person?**

- Do we really believe the same thing?
- This is where we show them that we have a different understanding of almost every major doctrine.
 - Nature of God
 - Nature of Jesus
 - Reliability and Foundation of the Bible
 - Gospel

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What types of Conversations would be productive or helpful with a Level 3 Person?

- Here we go to the Bible.
- Does the Bible's teaching on a topic contradict the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?
 - What do you do if it does?
- Focus on the Gospel
 - Try to study the Book of Galatians with them!!

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What types of Conversations would be productive or helpful with a Level 4 Person?

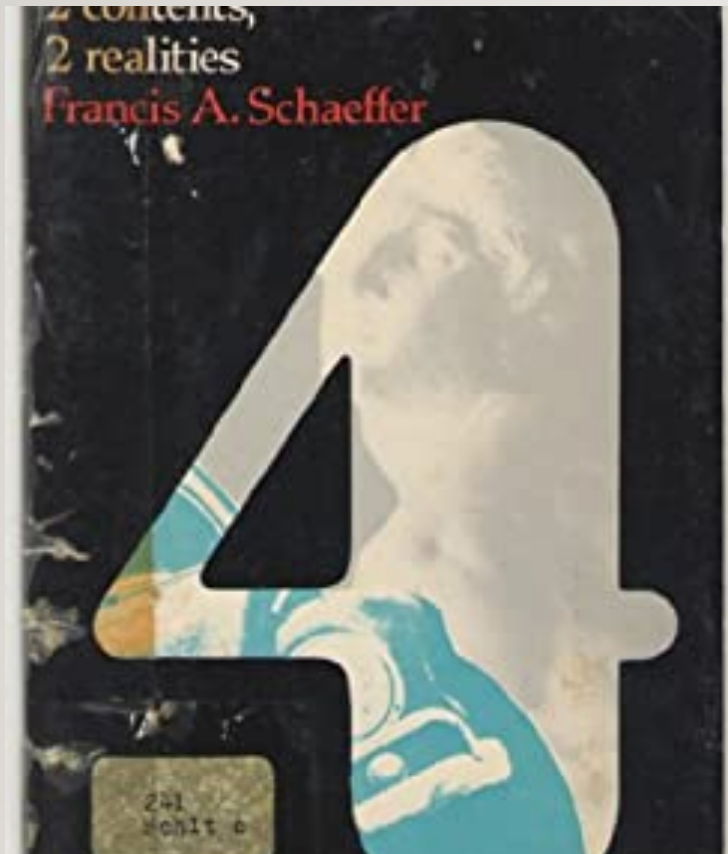
- This is where Apologetics comes in.
- This is where we can challenge the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints and they will be open to listening.
- We are NOT just trying to persuade them that Mormonism is FALSE. We must show them that Christianity is true.
- What if Christianity is True? Booklet

<https://ratiochristi.org/resources/publications/>

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**What types of Conversations would be
productive or helpful with a Level 5 Person?**

- Jesus is worth it.
- It's not about evidence anymore – its about counting the cost.
- Loving them and being there for them
- The Gospel.The Gospel.The Gospel.
- Are we an Acts 2 community?



SOUND DOCTRINE

HONEST ANSWERS TO HONEST
QUESTIONS

TRUE SPIRITUALITY

BEAUTY OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH
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- Updates on Ratio Christi Events
- Follow up regarding the truth claims of Christianity
- Interested in hearing about and supporting the ministry and vision for Ratio Christi here in Utah County
- Students (and anyone else) – meetings and happenings at The U or UVU
- <https://forms.gle/6wKQuF7CEjzontqH7>

HOMEWORK

- Get up to bat!!
- Have one conversation this week with someone who has a different religious view than you do.
 - Bonus points if they are LDS
- LISTEN – LISTEN – LISTEN --- try to figure out where they are on the scale.
- Your goal is to make them want to have a follow up conversation.
 - Goal is to have a conversation with someone of different faith once a week for the next SIX weeks!!!