

Among the Mormons

A Survey of Current Literature

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The difficulty in life is the choice.

George Moore, Bending of the Bough

In this year's survey of theses and dissertations on Mormon or Utah subjects the reader's attention is called to the vastly expanded theses listing made possible by the cooperation of Mrs. Ida-Marie Logan of Utah State University, Mrs. Jack M. Yeaman of the University of Utah, and Chad Flake of Brigham Young University. By quadruplicating the sources of items listed, we are in a position to be more selective in what is to be included and excluded under the rubric "Mormon Americana." Selection, even in a highly defined subject, is never perfect. The editor disagrees with the compiler's selections, and out go half a dozen titles. Space must be considered — cut another dozen selections. The compiler has his favorite interests and sneaks ten items back into the bibliography. After a while one gets the impression that the best part of the show is "on the cutting room floor."

To illustrate the problem, let us take the spring commencement of the University of Utah Graduate School of Social Work. By count, eighty master's degrees were awarded, of which sixty-seven theses were on subjects which could qualify them for inclusion in this bibliography. A sampling of subjects are: runaways, Utah State Hospital, working mothers, alcoholism, retardation, marital adjustment, probation and parole, all in the State of Utah. One can justifiably argue that if Utah is predominantly Mormon, then problems of social aberration must, in fact, concern portions of the dominant group, and thus fall under the umbrella "Mormon Americana." Unfortunately, cut we must, and out went social work and most (but not all) of the education theses, especially if they were limited to investigations at a single school or school district. Physical education also fared poorly, as did business theses, but, on the whole, the accompanying list represents a significant scholarly outpouring.

By way of example, a few of the theses not listed are "Student Spending at the University of Utah 1965-1966" (or What Every Parent Already Knows);

"The Nature and Pattern of Skiing Injuries in Utah"; Murderers and Check-writers at the Utah State Prison" (even there?); "An Investigation Into the Home Court Advantage of Utah Class B High School Basketball" (I should hope there is an investigation); and finally the *now* thesis, "Effect of Selected Types of Music and Music Intensity on Basketball Shooting."

The small number of dissertations presented less of a selection problem. Since there are proportionately fewer, proportionately more are included, and only one, that of Richard D. Alter, needs any justification. The title, "Effects of Own Stand . . ." does not suggest a Mormon relationship and one must turn to the abstract in *Dissertation Abstracts* for further insight into Dr. Alter's study in social psychology. Even here the sesquipedalian "professional" terminology by which social scientists obfuscate meaning may cause the uninitiated to flounder.



DISSERTATIONS

Alter, Richard David. *Effects of Own Stand, Ego-involvement, Personality, and Information on Item Judgment*. University of Utah, 1967.

220 Mormon students, varying in dogmatism, authoritarianism, concreteness-abstractness, intensity of attitude, involvement, own position, and information, sorted a series of statements about their church on an 11-point favorableness-unfavorableness continuum. Shape of distributions generated in the sorting was best predicted by intensity, followed by concreteness-abstractness, self rating of involvement, self rating of own position, dogmatism, authoritarianism, scaled own position, and information, in that order. Extreme quartiles on the last two of these measures did not differ reliably on the measures of distribution shape, while the remaining comparisons yielded reliable differences on most measures. In terms of item placement and displacement, intensity was the best predictor, followed by scaled own position, involvement rating, and personality. It was concluded that item displacement in Thurstone scales is primarily the result of ego-involved factors, specifically, intensity of belief, with the effects of personality, own stand, and information influencing displacement in decreasing degrees.

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FOLK ARTS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST

"Forms Upon the Frontier": a conference on Folk Arts of the Rocky Mountain West will be held at Utah State University on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. In conjunction with this regional joint meeting of the American Folklore Society and the Folklore Society of Utah, a short course (July 22-27) on "Western Folk Arts" will be taught by Dr. Austin Fife.

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