

nificant to the serious reader by bearing on the individual or social needs which various practices or attitudes seem to serve: whether those needs are basic to human nature or are products of particular social structures. They might bear on whether or not institutions, attitudes and beliefs are designed intentionally to serve certain needs, or whether they simply have sprung from past successes. Questions could be raised about the effectiveness of various institutions in dealing with these needs. Other questions could be raised about the internal consistency of beliefs, attitudes and practices. One could explore philosophical or theological arguments for or against the coherence, ap-

propriateness or moral correctness of the attitudes and institutions considered.

Each of these issues calls for its own methodological approach, employing the arguments and evidence appropriate to it. But these issues are not distinguished clearly in these essays, nor are they supported by evidence or argument. In fact, the essays are so anecdotal that they even fail to provide guidelines for informed speculation.

Although these essays were not intended to be technical papers, the scholars who wrote them could have outlined some of the ways in which their information could contribute to a better grasp of basic issues. It is regrettable that they did not do so.

Panorama of the First Century

A Mormon Bibliography, 1830-1930: Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, and Broad-sides Relating to the First Century of Mormonism. Edited by Chad Flake with Introduction by Dale L. Morgan; University of Utah Press, xxxii, 828 [84] pp., illus., index. \$75.

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Confirmed scholars are a tenacious lot, and when a combination of learned men pool their genius great things occur. Such is this magnum opus. The product of over a quarter century of labored research, this bibliography is the finest thing since Hubert H. Bancroft completed the first great study of Utah's history in the closing years of the nineteenth century.

A brief review cannot do justice to the scholarship, wealth of materials, or the variety of literature found in this massive study, but those who pursue specific research related to Mormon matters will find the bibliography an index to this western religious culture. "Anyone who leaves through this volume," Dale Morgan writes in his introduction, "even in idle curiosity, is going to acquire a new and panoramic view of, a fresh insight into, Mormonism as a phenomenon in American and world history. The titles and authorship of the various

books speak eloquently not only of Mormonism, but also of the general culture exemplified by Mormonism as a religion, society and personal experience."

The work is restricted to books, periodicals, Mormon or predominantly Mormon newspapers, pamphlets, and broadsides pertaining to the first century of Mormonism. But it was not the intention of its editors to provide a complete union catalog of Mormonism; rather, they included numerous listings of adequate locations when items could be found.

This long awaited volume was conceived in 1949 by the masterful student of the Mormons, Dale L. Morgan, a native of Utah, who was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship to study early Mormon history. Morgan was a many faceted scholar who found new interest in the settlement of the West, particularly in the fur trade of the Rocky Mountains. The quality of these works led the academic world to look forward with great anticipation to the continuation of his Mormon bibliography, as well as to his exciting projected study of related church histories; however, Morgan lost interest in the work and allowed the bibliography to be resumed by John James, then librarian at the Utah Historical Society. Over the years other names were given custodial care until Chad Flake finally completed the massive project.

After maddening delays, Chad brought