LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mormons as Christians

I have been thinking about how to describe the deviant theology of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We should not compare ourselves to "historical Christianity," or, as Klaus Hansen does ("The Long Honeymoon: Jan Shipps among the Mormons," 37, no. 3 [Fall 2004]: 1–28), to "mainstream Christianity." Each of those terms is a disservice to the Restora-

tion. Rather, we should speak of the traditions that have, over the centuries, been constructed over and around the beauty of biblical Christianity. It is to many of those extra-biblical traditions that we take exception.

In light of Genesis 1:27, I find it particularly amusing that Professor Hansen speaks of "Mormons' anthropomorphizing of the divine."

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