

9. Written sermons. (Exhibit III-9, pages 634-5, 716)
10. Resurrection of stillborn children. (Exhibit III-10, page 694)

C. Miscellaneous [speculative] Interpretations. (Exhibit IV)

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D. Repeated use of the word "apostate" and related terms in a way which to many seems discourteous and to others gives offense. (Exhibit V, pages 123, 125, 160, 169, 212, 223, 383, 528, 538, 548, 596).

January 8, 1960, 11:55-12:15 p.m. The First Presidency held a meeting. We decided that Bruce R. McConkie's book, "Mormon Doctrine" recently published by Bookcraft Company must not be re-published, as it is full of errors and misstatements, and it is most unfortunate that it has received such wide circulation. It is reported to us that Brother McConkie has made corrections in his book, and is now preparing another edition. We decided this morning that we do not want him to publish another edition.⁹

9. McConkie's authorized biography, written by his son Joseph Fielding McConkie

We decided, also, to have no more books published by General Authorities without their first having the consent of the First Presidency.¹⁰ ...

We also discussed the matter of choosing new [members of the board of] Directors for the Zions First National Bank. Elders Harold B. Lee and Delbert L. Stapley were suggested as new directors and approved. Brother Louis T. Ellsworth, president of the Surety Life Insurance, was suggested. He has a small deposit now with the bank. I suggested that they hold this suggestion up for further investigation.

January 13, 1960, 12 noon. Brother Henry Smith of the Deseret News came in and reported that there is a rumor that President Ernest L. Wilkinson of the B.Y.U., is seeking someone to take his place at the B.Y.U. I told Henry Smith that there is nothing to the rumor.

Received a telephone call from Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, President of the Brigham Young University, Re:—Forest Dale Property and [Salt Lake City] Mayor J. Bracken Lee's attitude that the city should buy the property back from the Church.

President Wilkinson reported that he is getting inquiries from "City Hall" in Salt Lake City as to whether the Church is going to sell the Forest Dale property it purchased last year from the City.

I told President Wilkinson that we did not know anything about Mayor Lee's proposals, and that we are not going to sell the property or do anything about it until we consult with him. I said further that he (President Wilkinson) could call Mayor Lee and tell him the

(*Bruce R. McConkie Story*), interpreted these events differently by referring to the controversy as a bit of "flap and fuss" (182), without mentioning the most serious issues raised with the Brethren. The biography claimed the real reasons were McConkie's "identifying Roman Catholicism as the 'great and abominable church' spoken of by Nephi in the Book of Mormon" (182) and the "authoritative tone of the book" (183). If the book were controversial or without substantial merit, the son argued, his father would not have been "called to the Quorum of the Twelve in 1972" (183). "No one who knew him could question his integrity or discipline," the biography read, "particularly where matters of priesthood direction were concerned" (184), which is at odds with the documentation.

10. For another perspective, see Horne's *Bruce R. McConkie*, in which Horne found that wording from McConkie's *Mormon Doctrine* later appeared in the Bible Dictionary, which is published as part of the church's Standard Works. Both Horne and Joseph Fielding McConkie understated the displeasure of the First Presidency with McConkie, beginning with his previous book, *Sound Doctrine*, and with Joseph Fielding Smith over his book, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*.