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Attention: First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

This letter is to inform you that it is our considered desire that my own name and those of my wife and daughter be removed from the membership rolls of the Latter Day Saint Church.

We:

Dee Jay Nelson
Katherine G. Nelson (Mrs. Dee Jay Nelson)
Kim Cherie Nelson

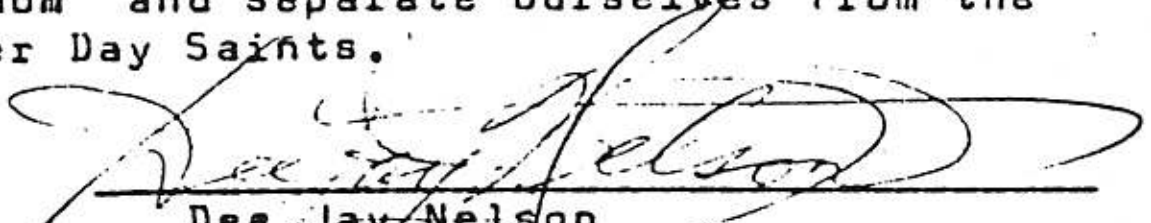
do freely, and with full understanding of the implications of the step, require that our names be removed from all member records of the L.D.S. Church.


I, Dee Jay Nelson, do hereby renounce and relinquish the priesthood which I now hold.

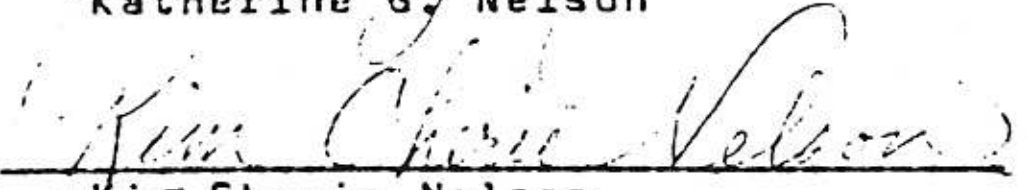
Following my translation (the first to be published) of the bulk of the hieratic and hieroglyphic Egyptian texts upon the Metropolitan-Joseph Smith Papyri Fragments three of the most eminent Egyptologists now living published corroborating translations. These amply prove the fraudulent nature of the Book of Abraham, in which lies the unjust assertion that negroes are unworthy of participation in the highest privileges of the L.D.S. Church.

We do not wish to be associated with a religious organization which teaches lies and adheres to policies so blatantly opposed to the civil and religious rights of some citizens of the United States.

By affixing our signatures to this document we exercise our constitutional rights of religious freedom and separate ourselves from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.


Dee Jay Nelson


Katherine G. Nelson


Kim Cherie Nelson

Date: 

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
THE OFFICE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENT

REPLY TO:

February 10, 1976


Professor Dee Jay Nelson
719 Highland Park Drive
Billings, MT 59102

Dear Professor Nelson:

A Stake Presidency and High Council court will be convened at the Billings Montana Stake offices at 2929 Belvedere on March 7, 1976 at 7 a.m. with the respect to the attitude of yourself, your wife and daughter toward membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is the desire of this court that you and your family be present and hereby summoned to appear.

If you find it inconvenient to be present at that time, I would be glad to hear from you, so that a new date and time might be established. If I do not hear from you in this regard, or you do not appear at the time as arranged, the court will be held as scheduled, and will proceed with this matter on the basis of the information available at that time.

Respectfully,


Robert L. Eardley
Stake President
BILLINGS MONTANA STAKE

cc: Elder Mark E. Petersen
Bishop Richard Gibbs

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mail Feb 12, 1976.*

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FIELD ADDRESS:
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February 15, 1976

Mr. R. L. Eardley
2124 Lyman Ave.
Billings, Montana 59102

Dear Mr. Eardley,

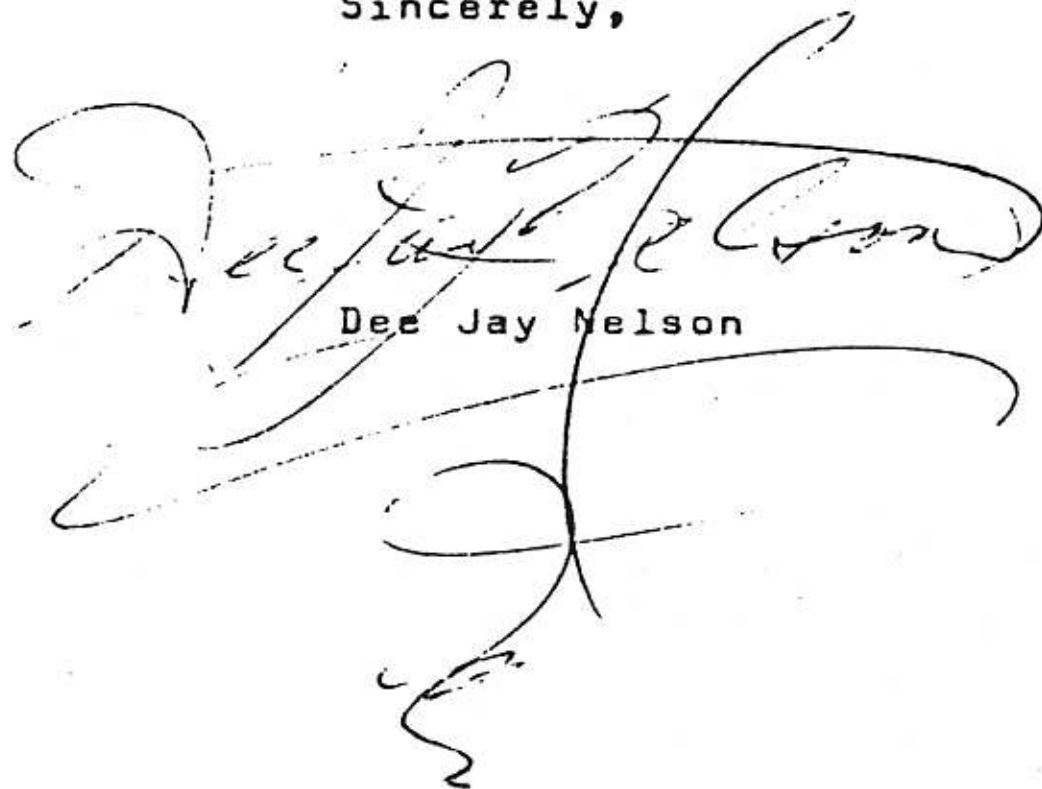
Your certified letter of February 10, 1976 was received a few days ago. We found it offensive, implying by the word "court" that we were to be judged. The phrase which you used, "summoned to appear", might better have been worded, "requested to appear" as we are no longer under your jurisdiction.

My wife, my daughter and I have already resigned from the L. D. S. Church by formal written notification addressed to the First Presidency on December 8, 1975.

The scientific world finds the Book of Abraham an insult to intelligence. Some of the most brilliant and qualified Egyptologists of our time have labled it fraudulent upon the overwhelming evidence of the recently discovered Metropolitan-Joseph Smith Papyri. No truly qualified Egyptologist has yet supported it.

We do not wish to be associated with a church which teaches lies and racial bigotry.

Sincerely,



Dee Jay Nelson

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