Gathering Truths

President John Taylor declared: "...our religion, ... embraces every principle of truth and intelligence pertaining to us as moral, intellectual beings, pertaining to this world and the world that is to come. We are open to truth of every kind, no matter whence it comes, where it originates, or who believes it ... A man in search of truth has no peculiar system to sustain, no peculiar dogma to defend or theory to uphold; he embraces all truth, and that truth, like the sun in the firmament, shines forth and spreads its effulgent rays over all creation, and if men will divest themselves of bias and prejudice, and prayerfully and conscientiously search after truth, they will find it wherever they turn their attention." (Taylor 1944, pp. 93-94; Journal of Discourses: 16, pp. 369-370)

“The doctrine of the Latter-day Saints is truth....Now, sir, you may think that it is a broad assertion that it is truth; but sir, the first and fundamental principle of our holy religion is that we believe that we have a right to embrace all and every item of truth, without limitations or without being circumscribed or prohibited by the creeds or superstitious notions of men.” (Joseph Smith, PWJS, p. 420; standardized)

“We don’t ask any people to throw away any good they have got; we only ask them to come and get more.” (Joseph Smith, HC, 5:259)
“Have the Presbyterians any truth? Yes. Have the Baptists, Methodists, &c., any truth? Yes. They all have a little truth mixed with error. **We should gather all the good and true principles in the world and treasure them up, or we shall not come out true >Mormons.**” (Joseph Smith, *Teachings*, p. 316)

“If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.” (Article of Faith 13, Joseph Smith Jr.)

“One of the grand fundamental principles of 'Mormonism' is to receive truth, *let it come from whence it may.*” (Joseph Smith, *Teachings*, p. 313)

"If there is any truth in heaven, earth, or hell, *I want to embrace it.* I care not what shape it comes in to me, who brings it, or who believes in it, whether it is popular or unpopular." (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 1:155)

"**Our religion embraces every truth pertaining to mortal life**--there is nothing outside the pale of it," said Brigham Young in 1853." (*Journal of Discourses* 26 vols. London: Latter-day Saints' Book Depot, 1855-56, 1:44)

“On another occasion, Brigham Young declared that 'Mormonism' *embraces all truth that is revealed and that is*
unrevealed, whether religious, political, scientific, or philosophical." (Brigham Young, JD, 9:149).