Building The City Of God: Community & Cooperation Among The Mormons

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Mormons believe that they can progress spiritually by marrying in the Mormon temple, where they are ritually sealed to their spouses, not just for time, but for eternity. They’re changing their prayers from ‘Please, please take this away from me’ to ‘God, are you OK with me being gay?’ And the answer that God gives back is ‘Yes!’ A small but growing number of straight Mormons appear to agree with that answer. Erika Munson, a mother of five and the founder of ‘Mormons Building Bridges,’ organized the Mormons’ participation in the parade, hoping to show that Mormonism isn’t or at least shouldn’t be against the gay community. The church, she said, teaches that Jesus walks away from none. Period. Building the City of God: Community and Cooperation Among the Mormons. By Leonard J. Arrington, Feramorz Y. Fox, and Dean L. May. Second edition. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1992. xx + 497 pp. $16.50. William C. Ringenberg (a1). (a1). Taylor University Upland, Indiana. https://doi.org/10.2307/3168103. Published online: 28 July 2009. Export citation. Request permission.
Building the City of God: Community and Cooperation Among the Mormons. By Leonard J. Arrington, Feramorz Y. Fox, and Dean L. May. Second edition. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1992. xx + 497 pp. $16.50. William C. Ringenberg (a1). (a1). Taylor UniversityUpland, Indiana. DOI: https://doi.org/10.2307/3168103. Published online by Cambridge University Press: 28 July 2009. Export citation Request permission. The Mormon community needs to have access to this thoughtful documentation. That the LDS church adopted and then gave up polygamy is well known. The adoption and subsequent abandonment of the United Order is less well publicized. Growing up in Utah, the local myth was that the saints weren't worthy and that it would eventually return when we had finally become a true Zion people. It seems there is more to it than that. What is missing from this book is what made me give it 4 rather than 5 stars. There needed to be a final chapter entitled "Lessons Learned" that could summarize a