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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:   
Dec 8, 1975